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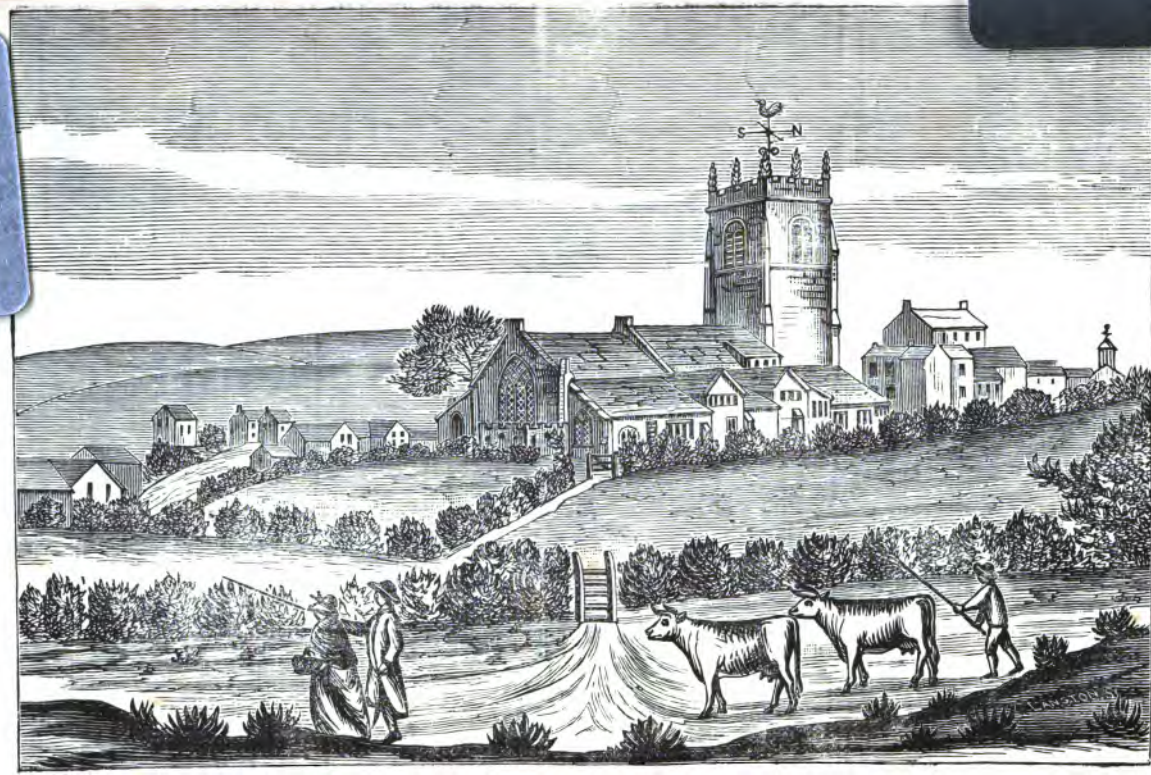

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[179.] EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO OLDHAM & NEIGHBEHOOD.

Through the kindness of Mr. Kidson (Curate of Prestwich) we are enabled to bring before the notice of our readers translations of and comments on the above-mentioned.

When Mr Booker was writing his *Memorials of Prestwich* he discovered in the possession of a gentleman residing in Prestwich certain documents relating to the Parish Church. They had been lent by a former Rector, and their value and interest not being known their existence had been forgotten. These deeds, which are now kept in the vestry safe, are in number fourteen. Eleven are on parchment, and three, of the nature of memo-

randa, are on paper. They are partly in Latin and partly in English. Copies of most are appended to the larger edition of Mr. Booker's *Memorials of Prestwich Church* (p. 249 seq.), but as very few, if any, of our readers would take the trouble to translate those in Latin, which are in a style very much abbreviated, we print in this number of the magazine correct translations of the two earliest, carefully made at our request by Mr. J. E. Bailey, F.S.A., author of the *Life of Dr. Fuller* and the editor of *The Palatine Note Book*, who has taken a great interest in their ancient writings, and he has kindly sent us the following notes. In future issues we hope to publish the remaining documents in the series prepared by the same gentleman.

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The first deed (in Latin) measuring 8in. by 5½in. contains 19 lines, it has lost its seal. The grantor was a landowner, HAMO DE OLDHAM, a member of the family who were lords of the manor of that town. For the good of his soul, and for the consolations he had derived from the offices of religion at the chapel on his manor, served by clerics appointed by the Rectors of Prestwich, he made over to one of his neighbours a piece of land in the township of Chadderton, near Oldham, and in the parish of Prestwich-cum-Oldham, subject to an annual rent of 3d., to be paid on the 15th of August to the Church of the Blessed Mary of Prestwich. No date is given to this deed, nor to the three deeds copied on the parchment No. ii, for dates were not generally used in such documents before the year A.D. 1289 or thereabouts, and the character of the writing and the names of the persons introduced are often the only clues by which the period can be ascertained. Now this deed, which seems to have been executed at Manchester, is witnessed by some important persons. RALPH DE WELHUM, (Rural) Dean of Manchester, was living at that town in the year 1295 (Chetham Society, vol. xviii., p. 72). He is mistakenly placed by Hibbert-Ware, on the evidence of a friend who had examined this very deed, about a hundred years

too early. THOMAS DE HETON was of the adjoining family of Heaton. GALFRIDUS or GEOFFRY DE CHADDERTON was a very notable person. He was the second son of Rd-de-Trafford, who bequeathed him the manor of Chadirton. His name, with that of his son Geoffrey, occurs in A.D. 1282, as one of the jurors when the Escheator made his inquisition of Manchester; and from about that time his name appears in the Trafford deeds. He was thought well of in Manchester. He attested the Charter of Manchester A.D. 1301, and he was one of the squires who, at Wickwar, co. Gloucester, witnessed the surrender of the Barony of Manchester from the Gresleys to the De La Warrs, A.D. 1309. About the year 1310, when the Birch Foedary was compiled, Richard de Oldham, son of another Richard, connections of the next witness, ADAM-DE-OLDHAM, held an oxgang of land in Oldham at a rent of 6s. 8d. The young man, WILLIAM SHERWIND, a chaplain, perhaps served the cure of Oldham; he occurs in a deed relating to property in Hollinworth as W. de Sherewend, clericus, a co-witness being Geoffrey de Bracebrigg, who in 1282 was the steward of the manor of Manchester. The name Sherwind, we believe, has now died out in the neighbourhood.

[*Translation.*]

To all the sons of our holy mother, the church, to whom this present writing shall come, HAMO son of Richard DE OLDUM (sends) greeting everlasting in the Lord God.

Let all know that I, moved by divine charity for the health of my soul, and of the souls of all my predecessors and successors, have given and granted, and by this my present charter have confirmed to JOHN, son of Geoffrey DE CHADIRTON and his heirs, a certain portion of my land in the district of Oldum, namely, all my portion of land of le Longelee, with the homage of Roger, son of Ralph de Glothick, and for the same service of Roger two pence half-penny, which the said Roger was wont to pay me annually at (the feast of) the Assumption of the Blessed Mary

(15th August) for his portion of le Longelee within these bounds: From the ditch (or wall) up to Wastell, and so from the said Wastell up to Glothick brock, and so going down from Glothick brock up to Longelache clough, and so going up Longelache clough up to Wastell, which is a bound between Oldum and Wernith, and so from that Wastell up to Haselinechawe clough up to Wastell and so from Haselinechawe clough up to Menegate and so directly up to the said ditch (or wall), with all its appurtenances, liberties, and easements to the said land belonging in free, pure and perpetual alms and with common of pasture and easements to the town of Oldum and Wernith and with haulm (*holua*, straw or stubble) for pasturing his cattle, and with acquittance of pannage for his swine and for his men coming over that land;

To have and to hold of God and of the Church of the Blessed Mary of Prestewiche and of the Rectors of said church freely and quietly, entirely and peaceably,—paying out of it yearly to God and to the Church of the Blessed Mary of Prestewiche, three silver pence at (the feast of) the Assumption of the Blessed Mary the Virgin (15th August) for every secular (or civil) service and impost.

And I, the said Hamo, son of Richard, and my heirs, will truly warrant to God and the Church of the Blessed Mary of Prestewiche and the Rectors of the same church, the said service as well as the pence, saving the inheritence of the said John, son of Geoffrey, and his heirs against all men for ever.

In testimony whereof I have set my seal to this present writing these being the witnesses.

RALPH DE WELHUM then dean of Manchester, THOMAS DE HETON, GEOFFREY DE CHADIRTON, GEOFFREY, his son, ADAM DE OLDUM, ADAM DIL IMPETRES, WILLIAM SCHEREWIND, WILLIAM, his son, the chaplain, and others.

Much of the historic interest of these deeds lie in the enumeration of the topographical names. It is difficult to follow the bounds of the property LE LONGLEY, which bore a Norman-French prefix. Langley itself is in Middleton parish, and Langley

Hall, a little to the north-west of Middleton, was the seat of the Langleys in the time of Edward II., and gave birth to a great northern prelate. Richard de Longlee occurs in 1311. Scarcely any of the places occur on the 6in. ordnance map, but they might be found still current in the names of fields, &c. Wastell, formerly a well-known feature of the country side, lay, as we see, between Oldham and Werneth. It occurs in a deed without date, by which William de Notton and others quit claim to Richard de Byrom all their rights in property descending by Wastell up to Rodebrok, and another contiguous introduced is Harestane-hurst Clough, more properly "Witeridlee." The property marked out abounded in cloughs (Longleach, Haslingshaw) and unenclosed land. One place certainly occurs on the map, viz., Glodwick Brook, which curiously is not a *stream*, but a place (south of Oldham and south-west of Glodwick) at the bend of rivulet called Sheepwashes, running to the south into the Medlock. Adam de Glothic occurs in the Testa de Nevill, A.D. 1325-30.

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There has lately come into my possession a volume which contains amongst other tracts, 8 numbers of a local magazine.

Nos. 1 to 4 are entitled "The Oldham Religious, Literary and Temperance Advocate. By Thomas Haslam." No. 1 is dated January 5th, 1839, and the publication is continued weekly to January 26th. These four numbers are printed and published by John Hirst, Church-street, Oldham. With No. 5 the title is altered to "The Religious, Literary, and Temperance Advocate. By Thomas Haslam," and it is published fortnightly from March 9th, and the printing and publishing is

removed to J. Heywood, Market-street, Heywood.

The price of all the Nos. is 1d. each; and correspondents are requested to send their communications to T. Haslam, The News Room, Manchester-street, Oldham.

With No. 8, dated April 20th, 1839, my volume comes to an end. Did the magazine share the same fate? There is no indication in the last No that the Editor intends to discontinue it.

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Saturday, July 28th, 1888.

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[182] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptised at Ouldham County Lancaster
January 1648

	Day
Marie Andrwe fil John Andrwe.....	
Sarah whithead ffill John whithead	vij
Anne Busicke ffill Henery Busick..	
Edmond sone of Edmond Kershaw	xiiij
Alice ffill of Ambrose Jacson	
Abraham Leeze soone of John Leeze	xxj
Allis ffill Thomas willd.....	xxviij
Sarah fill John Henthorne	
Ann Meos ffilli Edmond Meos...	xxxi
Martha fill Abell Brearllye	
ffebruary	
Marie ffilia off Jsacke Delliffe ...	
Marie fill off Roberd Leeze	
Ann ffill off Joseph Heape	
Sarah ffill off Edward Ramyly..	xj
Ann ffill of Samuell Jacson	
Mary ffill of John Andrew	
Emary fill of Samuell hollden ..	xvij
March	
John Nowds sone of Raphe	iiij
Sarah fill off the sayd Raphe ..	
Thomas Bradlye sone of Thomas	
Marie ffill Richard Pilkington..	xj
Marie ffill Roberd Tailior.....	
Rachell ffill Thomas Ashton....	
Martha Whithead ffill of Niclas wythed	xviij
Marie ffill Robert Shaw	

Marriages January the first day 1648

	Day
Raphe Jackson toocke to wife Anne Tailior	xv
ffebruary	
Edmond Scofelld toocke to wife Sarah Newton	vj

1648 Buried

Samuel Leeze seplt January	4th day
Edmond whithead Sepult	viij

vx Peter Cowper Sepult	xvij
vx John whithead.....	xxiiij
Thomas Jackson sep.....	xxx
february	Day
Bridchitt wife off John Chadwick sepullt	xvij
Oulld Crost off waterhead mill sepullt	xxij
Oulld Shore groten Head sepult...	xxx

Baptisms Anno Dom 1649.	Die
Sarah ffill John Houlden ..... / John Soone of John Scofelld Bastard	viiij
James soone of Roberd Tetlow.. / And Alis His Sister	xvij
Samuell sone of John Rodes	xxv
May	
John son of James Chetham .. / James Scoles Sone of Abraham / John Leze of James of Leze....	vij
Sarah ffill of John weorall ..... / Ann Daughter of John Leze....	xiij
Raphe sone of Edward Scoles ...	xx
Alice ffilli of John Hillton ..... / Martha ffill of Joseph Cheetham	xxvij
June	
John sone of James willd.....	xvij
Johnathan soone of John Saxon...	xx
James son of Thomas Hagh.....	
Thomes son of Thomas Holland / Edmond sone of Edmond Cocker	xxx
July	
Sarah ffill of Richard Turner .. / Marie fill of Charlles Trav s ..	ij
Sarah ffill of Thomas Tetlow Brodey-lane..... / Marck and Lucke Sones James whitacker ..... / Anthony Sone of Lucke Holland..	vij
August	
John Sone of Roberd Henthorne.. / George sone of Thomas Crompton. / John sone of Simeon whithead ..	xxij
September	
Edmond whithead Sone of Niclas	iij

Sarah ffill John Hallckerd	xiij
Octob	
Thomas sone of Samuell Heape ..	xiij
Henery Sone of John Smetherst	xxj
November	
Adam Sone of John Jackson	iiij
Marie ffilli off James Scolles	xiij
Margerett ffill of James of Dellfe	xxiij
Mary Daughter of Abraham Brearlly James sone of Moses Dunckerlly ...	xxx
Desember	
Mary ffill of Roberd Leeze of p ish of Ashton	xxj
January	
Jzabell ffill off John Scolles.....	vij
Susana ffill of Richard slecher John Sone of James Hall..... Marie ffill off Richard Hopwood Samuel ffill of Daniell Leeze Ashtsn p hr.....	xij
ffebr	
Sarah ffilli of Edmond Scofelld ..	xiiij
March	
Joseph ffill of Abraham Tailior ..	x
Martha Daughter of Edward Cowper	xxiiij
James Sonn of John Taylor of horsedg borne.....	xxv
Sarah Daughter of James Leeze Aprill Kathren ffill of John Libtratt..	xxx

Marriages Aprill 1649

John Hillton tocke to wife Elizabeth whithead	xxv
June	
John Milline tocke to wife Sara whitacker	xiij
July	
James Pares toocke to wife Elizabeth Ogdan.....	iij
August	
Raphe Heullden toocke to wife Marie tailieor.....	ij
John whitacker Duxett Marie Brearlye	xxj

John Cowper Duxett } ..... xxiij
Ann ffalowes }

September

Abraham Brearly Duxtt } ..... xj
Elizabeth Paren }

John Buterworth Duxtt } ..... xvij
Deborah Greave }

November

John Collinge Duxett } ..... vij
Marie Ogden }

Aprill

Thomas Leeze Duxett } ..... xij
Marie Thorpe }

June

John winterbotham Duxtt } ..... xj
Elizabeth Chadwick }

November

William Dicen Toocke to } xx
wife Susan Melor }

March

James willd Duxett } ..... xij
Mary woostenhollme }

Burialls Ano Dom 1649

March

Abell Crompton Sepullt ..... iiij Day
vx 'Adam Jackson off Oulldham Sepll xj
Buried att Oulldham Aprill Anno Dom 1649
Elizabeth wife of John Houllden Sep ij
Thomas Worthington sepult ..... viij

May

Alice the wife of James Buckley Sepullt xx
Sarah Daughter of Raphe Sandiforth xxx

June

James Taieler De Chatherton Sepull viij
The wife of wiliam willd De Crompt xij
A Childd of John Roads Sepllt .. xxiij

July

The wife off Edward Brearlye—Sepullt xxiij

August

The wife of John Kershaw Sepullt xij
The wife of James Cheetham Sepullt xxx

September

The wife of John woofenden Sepullt xviij

Octobr	
John Crompton Sone of Raphe Sepullt	xxiij
November	
The wife of John Cocker Sepult..	xiij
Desember	
A Chilld of George Senir.....	xvij
ffebr	
Mr Edmond Ashton De Chatherton	vij
A Chilld of John Jacsone Sepullt	xvij
March	
George Kenion of Roiton Sep.. vxor Allexander Barnes of Oulldham.....	xviij

G. SHAW.

Saturday, August 4th, 1888.

NOTES.

[182.] EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO OLDHAM AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

(*Continued.*)

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The second parchment, measuring 10¾in. by 7¾in., contains three deeds, in the same kind of contracted Latin, written by one person, and these three are therefore copies of originals now lost. The chronological order of the deeds appears to be a, b, c, and several generations of the Scolcroft family are enumerated. The date of (a) seems to go back to the early part of the reign of Henry III., when Peter, parson of Middleton, and Thomas, clerk of Middleton, attest grants of lands lying between the hamlets of Marland and Thornham (?) to Stanlawe Abbey by Roger de Middleton and Alan, his son (Raines's Not, Cest ii., 97). By the deed before us the parson of Prestwich gives to Robert de Scolcroft land in Chadderton, subject to a rent of two shillings to Prestwich Church, and the names of the above Roger and Peter are attesting witnesses. By the second (b) Alan de Scolcroft gives to his brother, Robert de Scolcroft,

his lands in Chadderton, for homage service, twenty four shillings, and one or more pairs of white gloves yearly. By the third (c) Richard de Scolcroft gives to Alan his son, land in Chadderton for which he is to pay back yearly the sum of one silver halfpenny. From the similarity of the witnesses' names to the two latter deeds, it may be inferred that they are nearly contemporary. Hereabouts was property held by the Priory of the Knights of S. John of Jerusalem which may account for the name of the last witness in (c).

(*Translation.*)

(a) Know all men as well present as to come that I, THE PARSON OF PRESTWICH, have given, granted and by this present charter have thus confirmed to ROBERT, son of Gilbert de SCOLCROFT, what he had of Amaria, daughter of Peter de Hopewod, all my land of Chathyrton, which Gilbert de Reiton gave and granted to God and the Blessed Mary of Prestewich for the homage and service done (due) to the Blessed Mary of Prestewich;

And to have and to hold of the said church of me and my successors in free and pure alms, in farm and inheritance, freely and quietly, altogether with all liberties and easements belonging to the same land with the common of pasture of Chathyrton, paying out of it yearly to the said church and to me two silver shillings at the (feast of the) Assumption of the Blessed Mary for every service and demand, these being the witnesses:—

ROGER DE MEDULTON WILLIAM his son, ALAN DE PULTATON, WILLIAM, clerk of HALDA'HULME, PETER parson of MEDULTON, GEOFFREY BULKET, THOMAS DE RARE and many others.

Scolcroft may mean the croft of Scholes, a common local surname. There is a Schoolcroft at Oldham, hard by the Grammar School, and Schoolcroft Head, an old house in High-street, Oldham; but these places are older than the school. The names introduce places in the neighbourhood, as Middleton, Royton, Hopwood, Alkrington, Thornham (to the north-east of Chadderton and Royton), &c. Very

noticeable is the name Halda'hulme (the contraction mark indicating m or n). This is evidently an ancient name of Oldham the intermediate forms, found in old deeds, being Aldhulme and Oldhulme and at this early time William was curate Some of the names of the witnesses occur in the Testa de Nevill about A.D. 1325-30. The parson of Prestwich perhaps modestly withholds his name, or it might be that it is an indication of the state he assumed as rector of a rich and widespread parish. The first officially recorded Rector of Prestwich is William Markelaw who was succeeded vii Idus Aug 1316 by John Travers presented by Adam de Prestwych. One of the family of this Adam viz, Thomas de Prestwich attests the deeds b and c, and one Adam attested the Manchester Charter of A.D. 1301. Some of these Prestwiches lived at Sholver to the north-east of Oldham. The meaning of the world *intelar* in b and c is not clear.

Translation.)

(b) Know all men as well present as to come that I ALAN son of Richard de SCOLCROFT, have given, granted, and by present charter have confirmed to ROBERT my brother, and his heirs for (his) homage and service, and for twenty-four shillings given me by his hands all that (land) which my father gave me in the district of Chathyrton, within these bounds, viz.: beginning at the ditch on the east side of the springs and at the land of Robert de Hulton, and following that ditch up to the fish pond (or pool) under Lonesege and following that fish-pond going down to Romesden, and following Romesden up to Hennerode and following the ditch of (or from) Hennerode up to Ytheyt and going up Ytheyt to Liliches upwards and (*intelar*) and following Le Siche to the land of Robert de Hulton, and by the bounds of Robert de Hulton, going thence up to the said ditch on the east side of the said springs ;—

To have and to hold to him and his heirs from me, and my heirs freely and quietly in peace and altogether with all liberties (and) easements belonging to the village of Chathyrton and acquittance for

homage in the wood of Chathyrton, from God, as freely as I Alan, and my heirs held of the said Richard, my father—paying back yearly to me and my heirs . . . . pair of white gloves at (the feast of) the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary the Virgin (25th March), for every service and demand, And verily I, Alan, and my heirs, will warrant the said land with the said appurtenances to the said Robert and his heirs for ever.

In testimony whereof I have set my seal to this deed being these the witnesses:—

THOMAS DE PRESTWICH, THOMAS DE ALCRYNTON WILLIAM DE MIDILTON ADAM DE THORNHAM, and many others.

This is a different piece of property from that of No. 1, and lay, like the former, clear of the rivers Irk and Medlock. That it has similar characteristics to the former is indicated by the word *den* in Romesden. It is a well watered region—"a country of springs." Spring-book is between Chadderton and Fox Denton. The clerk who copied the deeds is careless in a few places. In deed (b) he writes Liliches, which becomes Le Siche in (e). There is nothing in the map to show the correct word. Sir Gilbert de Reiton in deed (a) should more properly be Gilbert de Barton (as in c), who at the time of the Testa de Nevill held land in Chadderton belonging to the dower of the Countess of Lincoln. As regards the silver halfpenny mentioned in (c) it should be remembered that the silver coinage of the reigns of Edward III. and Richard II. included pennies, halfpennies, and farthings. Formerly the penny coins were cut in halves or quarters to make the fractional coins, the cross on one side of them guiding the scissors of the clipper.

Translation.)

(c) Let those present and to come know that I, RICHARD DE SCOLCROFT, son of Gilbert, son of Willet, have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to ALAN my son and his heirs, all the moiety of my land which I bought of Sir Gilbert de Barton in the district of

Chathyrton, within these bounds viz.: beginning at the ditch on the east side of the springs at the land of Robert de Hulton, following that ditch up to the fish pond (or pool) under Lonesege, and following that fish pond by descending thence as far as Romesdene, and following Romesdene up to Hennerode and following the ditch from Hennerode up to Ytheyt and going up Ytheyt to Le Siche upwards and (*intelar*) and following Le Siche to the land of the said de Hulton by the bounds of Robert de Hulton and going up to the said ditch on the eastern side of the said springs:—

To have and to hold to him and his heirs, of me and my heirs freely and quietly, in peace and altogther, with all liberties, freely and easements belonging to the village of Chathyrton and of acquittance for homage in the wood of Chathyrton, from God as freely as I and (my) heirs held of the Church of Prestewich and of the Rectors of the same place paying back yearly to me and my assigns one silver halfpenny at (the feast of) the Assumption of the Blessed Mary the Virgin for all services and exactions; and I, verily, the said Richard and my assigns will warrant the said land with the said appurtenances to the said Alan and his heirs for ever. In testimony whereof I have set my seal to this deed these persons attesting it:—

THOMAS DE PRESTEWICH THOMAS DE ALCRINTON,
WILLIAM DE MEDULTON ADAM DE THORNAM,
THOMAS DE PALMARIO; and many others.

(Continued.)

Saturday, August 11th, 1888.

NOTES.

[183.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Aprill Ano Dom 1650.

The Names of such as were Baptized att Oulldham. Ano Dom 1650.

James soone of James walckerd } xiiij
Ashton pish }

. . . . . .

May	
Roberd Meas sone of Milles....	iiij
Samuell sonne of Joshua Hall..	
Mary ffill of Anthony Belatt a bastard.....	
June	
Caleb sone of George Andrewe	ij
Sarah Daughter of Otwell willd	
Alice Daughter of Raphe Houlden	xvij
George soone of John leeze	
John sone of John Brearley.....	
July	
James soone of James Pares ..	j Day
James soone of Henery Ashton	
George soone of Edmond Tetlowe	viij
Joshua Colin sone of Thomas ..	
Ann Daughter of John Saxon ..	
Susan ffill of Edmond Melor..	xxvij
John Sone of Edmond Ogden ..	
Augustt	
Thomas fill of John winterbotham	xviij
Susan ffill of Roberd Howard...	xxvi
Anna ffill of Abraham Ogden..	
John ffill of John Millnes	
Septemb	
Abraham Sonne of Abraham Leez	i
Ann ffill of Edmond Teilior	
Marie ffill of James Leeze	
p sh Ashton	
Jsack Sone of Edmond willd	viij
martha Daughter of Daniell Ogden	
martha ffill of Jsack Dellfe.....	
Martha ffill of Samuell werall Bap	xiiij
John ffill of John Colinge bap....	xxj
Roberd Son of Edmnd Smetherst	xxx
October	
John ffill of Thomas Hiberd	iiij
John Houllden Sone of John ...	xxxi
Abraham ffill of John Taylior	
Grace ffill of Samuell Millnes..	
John sone of Jerimia Owin....	
mary and martha Daughters of John Platt	
Novembr	
Wiliam sone of Nathanell Tilecoate	xvij
Marie ffilli of Sarah wolstenhollme Bastard	

December

John sone of Richard Tailior ..	xj
James sone of James Tailior ..	
James Sone of Thomas Tailior..	xxv
George Kershaw son of Edmond	
Ann ffill of John Leeze	

January

Margett ffill of John Bayely	viiij
John ffill of Thomas whithead...	xxij
Mary Daut of will Leeze	
George sone of John Kennion ..	xxvij
John sone of John Hillton	
Jsack ffill of Jsack Hudson	
Peeter sone of Edmund whithead	

ffebr

Sarah willd daughter of John willd	viij
Grace ffill of Richard Hopkin	
James bastard of James Cleaton ...	

March 1650

Ann winterbothom daughter of John p ish Asht	viiij
Martha Neeld daughter of Marck Neeld borne the 20th of January	
Abraham Soone of Roberd willd....	xij
Jsack Sonne of the fore sayd Roberd	

The Names of Such as were buried at Oulldham Anno Dom 1650

Aprill

Mary wife of Samuell Hall Sepult	iiij
John Henthorne of Crompton sep	viij
Anthony Halowes of Counthill seplt	xx
James ffill of Richard Scoles De Chatherton	xxij

May

Nichlas whithead of Coohill....	viiij
vxor Ann Scoles of Lower House Sepullt.....	xij

June

Deborah Crompton Sepullt....	viij
Henerey Sone of Ambros Jacson	
Mary wife of John Leeze.....	xv
John Taillior Sepullt.....	

July

Anthony Kershaw sepullt.....	ij
Deborah Hopwood Sepullt.....	xiij
Samuell Scoffelld of Howlldene Sepll	xxviij

Augustt

George Taileor De Newkarth.....	viij
The wife of John Leeze Clarcksfelld	xij
Godfrie Brodhead Sepult.....	xiij
John Soondiforth soone of Raphe Sepll	xxx

Septemb

A Sone of John Leeze pish Ash ..	vij
The wife of John Jacson De ffog-lane	xij

Octobr

The wife of Caleb Brodhead Sepullt	xij
The wife of Joseph Cleg Sepullt	xxx

November

A Chilld of Roberd Taileore	x
vxor Jowne Garside ffrom greneckes	xx

Desember

A Child of John Ogdene ffowleach	xij

Januarie

John Midgeley of Ouldham was pishd and sepullt	viij
Daniell fill of John Cudworth gent	xj
A Child of John whithead Sepullt	xij
Raphe Sandiforth of Holinwood Sepullt	xvij
The wife of miles willd Crompton	xxiij

ffebruary

The wife of John Hall Sepult....	vij
A Chilld of will Leeze Sepullt....	xxj

March

vxor The wife of Roberd Tailior A Chilld off John Clegs	xj
Katheren Hopwood of Oulldham Sepullt.....	xiij
The wife of John Ogden ffowleach Sepullt.....	xiiij
A Chilld of Thomas whithead of Oulldham	xvij

The names of such as weare Baptised in Anno Domini 1651

John Lake Sonne of John Lake

borne 11th of february 165i
baptised the 25 of the same

Burialls 1651

James Ashton of Chadderton Esqr
was buried May jo—165i
Edmund Ashton of Chadderton sonne
of Edmund & brother of the Above
said James was buried June 28: i65i

The Names of such as weare Baptized at
Ouldham Anno Dom 1652

March

Martha Doughter of Richard Pilkinton.....	xxviij
Ann Ogden.....	
Robert and Richard sonne of Richard wood	

April

Sara Hopwood.....	xviij
Marie Taylor	
Martha Ogden.....	xxv
Thomas Ogden	

May

peeter Couper sonne of John Couper	xx
Ann Doughter of James Woolstonholme	xxvij
Martha Daughter of Robert Lees	

June

Martha Daughter of John Whittaker	xiij

July

Sara Doughter of James Colinge	iiij
John hage sonne of Thomas hage	viij
Robert Scholes	xviij
Sara Doughter of John lees.....	
Anna Doughter of John Ogden...	xxv
John sonne of william Bane....	

Agust

Anna Doughter of George taylor	xv
martha Jacsonne	
Abiegale Doughter of Thomas Chaderton	xxij
Thomas lees.....	
Sara hall	

September

Sara Doughter of Robard lees...	xij
Marie Doughter of James wild..	

Elizabeth Doughter of Abraham Taylor	xviiij
Edward sonne of Abraham taylor	xxvj
October	
James sonne of George Andrew James sonne of John Hilton ... Marie Doughter of Daniel knot Jane Doughter of James lees ...	iiij
Susan Doughter of John scholes Edmund sonne of John lees	xxiiij
Sara Doughter of John mylnes John wild	xxxj

Mariges in the year
1657

by Mr. Bexwick

James Buersell and Elizabeth
Leeze maried the 13th of January
Samuell Leese and Sara Shaw
Married the 22th of ffebruarie by Mr. Wood

(End of the 3rd Vol.)

G. SHAW.

Saturday, August 18th, 1888.

NOTES.

[184.] LIFE LEASE OF LANDS IN OLDHAM.

We copy from the Raines' MS. the following deeds. They throw much light upon the history of the town :—

a 19 Apl 38 Eliz Indenture between Richard Tetlowe of the Chamber Co Lancr Gent 1st part & Richard Streete of Oldham Woollen Draper, 2nd pt Witnesseth that said Tetlow for the surrender of an old Lease made by Laurence Tetlow his Father to Robert Streete father of said Richard, George Streete & the said Richard Streete during their lives Hath demised & to ferm let to said Richard a Messuage in Oldham in tenure of said Robert Streete and two Closes in tenure of said Richard Tetlowe & late in tenure of said Renald Whitaker abutting on the North on the Inheritance of John

a Vol. xxxvij., p. 354.

Cudworth Gent To Have &c for lives of said Richard & John and George his two Sons—Rent 82s a year 4 hens at X Mas 2 Capons at Easter & 4 days of Shearing or Reaping in Harvest And Richd Tetlowe Covenants that Robt Tetlow his son & heir apparent after he the said Robert shall be 21 shall confirm this demise

Witnesses RYCHARD STRETE

Edward Kent
John Taylor
Mychaele Mellor
To Mr. Robte Chadwicke testen
Signed at Rachdale

[185.] LEASE OF LAND AND BUILDING AT HORSEDGE.

b Indenture made 18 March 39 Eliz between Edmund Taylier of Horsedge in the town of Ouldham Co. Lanc. Gent: 1st part & Roger Taylier of the same town & Co. Clothier second part Witnesseth said Edmund for 40 Marks of current money hath to ferm lett a Messuage & tenement with a Close called the Pyghill being half an acre in Horsedge now in tenure of said Edmund To have &c for the lives of Robert Taylyer Grace Taylyer Son and Daughter of said Roger & of John Son of Wm Hall of the Hollynwood lynen Webster yielding annually 5/ & a day of shearing in harvest

Signed
EDMUND TAYLIER

Witnesses

Henrye Tayler
Raffe Sandofforthe
Richard winterbottom

[186.] LEASE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS IN FOGG-LANE, OLDHAM, AND SEATS IN OLDHAM CHURCH.

1 Mar 5 Char 1629

c Indenture between Edmund Tetiowe of Couldhurste Co Lanc Gent & Edmund Tetlowe his Son first part & Roger Massie of Failsworth Chapman

b Vol. xxxvij., p. 354. *c* Vol. xxxvij., p. 355.

second part witnesseth that said Tetlows for £40 have to Farm let all that Messuage in Ouldham & 4 Acres called the great Meadow & two little Meadows in Fogg Lane in Oldham and late in the tenure of John Ogden deceased & also libertie to sitte in one Stall or Forme in Ouldham Church which heretofore hath been belonging to the said Messuage & Tenement To Have &c for 21 years Rent 13s 4d & two days shearing or reaping in Harvest & one Herriott at the death of every Tennant of the premises

EDMUND TETLOW
EDMUND TETLOW

Witnesses
John Gilliam
Henry Taylor
Ra: Tetlowe
iunior

[187.] ORDER THAT A COTTAGE MAY BE BUILT.

d Upon the complaint of John Hall of Chatterton that hee wanteth a place of habitacon for him & his family to live in—It is ordered by this Courte that itt shall bee lawfull to and for the said John Hall to errect a Cottage upon the Lands of Major Byrom and Docter Potter within Chatterton aforesayd with the consente of the said Major Byrom & the said Docter Potter who as it is informed have already consented thereunto And that the said Cottage shall continue so long as those who live therein doe not begg but labor for their liveinge,
Indorsed
5 July 1667
An ordere ffor John
Halles Coate

[188.] LEASE OF HOUSE, &C., AT OLDHAM.

e 1 May 11th of Car, Indenture between Robert Tetlowe of Werneth in the Parish of Oldham gent first part & Edmund Tetlowe of the Parish of Oldham aforesaid Tradesman second part Witnesseth that for £5 Robert hath let a Dwelling house garden & croft being 1 rood in Oldham to hold

d Vol. xxiv., p. 145. *e* Vol. xxxvij., p. 355.

during the lives of said Edmund Marie his Wife and Robert Tetlowe their Son—Rent 1/ a yr but for certain consideration moving said Robert he freely acquitt said Edmund & his aforesaid from the pament of Boons Services & Heriotts accustomed & belonging

ROBT TETLOW

John Son of said
Robt Attorney
Witnesses
John Tetlowe
William Marland

[189.] SALE OF LAND RYTON MOSS.

18 Nov 1626

f Indenture between Jane Houlden of Rytonne wydow Edmund Tetlow of Couldhurst Hall John Lomase of Pilsworth Gent and James Winterbotham thelder of Ryton Yeoman and Renowld Tetlowe of Northmoor husbandman first part and Robert Lees the Elder of Broadbent, Parish Oldham husbandman second part Witnesseth that said Jane Houlden & Edmund &c at her request for £5 paid by Rob. Lees Have sold &c the moiety of those fields lately enclosed from the Moss in Ryton called Ryton Moss being one Acre And the said Jane and her Trustees have full power to demyse &c

Signed

JANE HOLDENS ×
EDMUND TETLOW
JOHN LOMAX
JAMES WINTER BOTHAME

Test
Henrie Brierley
Edmund Brerley
Ralph Heape

[190.] CONSTABLES IN CHADDERTON, 1626.

g A Copy of a Letter from the Duchie of Lancr House concerning Constables in Chaderton date 24 May 1626

Whereas wee are crediblie given to understand That ye anncient Custome of the Mannor of Chadderton is & hath ben to have three Cunstables in

f Vol. xxxvij., p. 355. *g* Vol. xxiv., p. 169.

ye said Mannor And that ye said cunstables have auntientlie taken theire othes that ye Lete courte houlden att Tottington and here done theire suite and Service and not elswhere. And yt ye sayd Tottington is within the Honor and Fee of Clithero and parcele of ye Dutchie of Lancaster. And wee further Understand that you endeavour and goe about to alter ye auntiente Custome and would but have two Cunstables in the sayd Mannor, which wee neyther can nor must give way unto, to alter anie ye auntiente privileges or customes belonginge to His Majestie

Therefore wee will and require you to desist from eyther punishynge or dischargingе anie one officer or other whatsoever which anie wayes maye concerne or infringe His Majesties Rights & priviledges belonging to the saide Courte as parcel of His Majesties Honor of Clithero within the saide County of Lancaster. And soe not doubting but you will observe our directions wee bidd you farewel

Yor loveinge ffrends
HUMFREY MAY
EDW MOSLEY

ffrom Dutchie House
24 of May 1626

Endorsed

To oure loveinge ffrendes Sir Cecill Trafford Knight Edmund Asshton and Oswald Mosley Esquires and ye reste of His Majesties Justices of Peace in Salford Hundred

Saturday, August 25th, 1888.

NOTES.

[191.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

The Fourth Vol of the Regesters
Commences Baptisms 1653
Marriages 1653
Burials 1653

On the second page is written—
This booke Cost viij*s*.

The Churchwardens fcr the Parish of Ouldham the prsent yeare 1653 are as followeth Samuell Heape, Robert Tettlow, James Taylor De-thorpe, Samuell Crompton

On the third page—

The Regester Booke Contayinge the Mariages, Berths, and burialls wthin the Parish of Ouldham October Anno Domini 1653

Marke Neild of Ouldham hauinge beene legally Elected and Chosen Regester for the pish of Ouldham Accordinge to An Acte made this prsent Parliamt was the Seuenth Day of October In the yeare of or Lord God 1653

At heaton approued of and sworne by us
EDM HOPWOOD
EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

James Buckley the sonne of James Buckley of Lower House in Whittfeild was borne the 5th of September 1651 betweene the houres of Seven and Eight o.Clocke at night by Consent of James Buckley father wittness

Adam Sonne of Adam Ogden borne the eight day of November 1651 by Adam Ogden Consent father

A Regester of the berthes wthin the Parish of Ouldham

October 1653

9th—Mary Doughter of Robt Mills of the Hollinwood

,, —Abraham sonne of John Collings of the Northmore wthin Ouldham by mary his

wife

" James Sonne of Samuell worrall alias of Horshedge wthin Ouldham by Mary his wife

16—Joshua Sonne of Edmund Tettlow of Couldhurst by Anne his wife borne the 10th day

23—Elizabeth Doughter of Thomas Leese of high-knowles in the parish of Asheton-under-line borne the 17th of October and baptised the 23rd of October

" —John Sonne of John Sandiforth of Tinker lane wthin Ouldham baptised 23th

26—Peeter whythead Sonne of Nicolas and Mary his wife borne the 20th Day of October and baptised 26th

30th—Mathew sonne of James whittaker of Thelemore wthin Chaderton by Alis his wife borne the 23th of October and baptised October the 30th

Nouember

6th The sixt of Nouember 1653 was baptised George the Sonne of Thomas Jackson of this Towne borne by Mary his wife the 22 of October as aboue said

20th The 20th of November 1653 was baptised John the Sonne of Samuell Garside of Horshedge borne the 23th of October

" The Twentieth of November 1653 was baptised John the Sonne of Daniell Dunkerley borne the Ninth of November

" James Sonne of John Hillton was baptised at Shaw Chappell the 20th of November borne the 10th of the same

Desember

11th John Sonne of James whittaker of Crossbank baptised the 11th of Desember 1653 borne the 2th of ye same

Mary Doughter of James wild of hollenwood baptised the Eleuenth of Desember 1653 borne the 3rd of the same

18th { James Sonne of James Brearley of Doghill wthin Crompton borne the 9th of Desember and baptised the 18th of the Same by Mary his wife
Marke Sonne of Moses Dankerley borne the 8th of Desember by Mary his wife baptised the 18th of the Same

20th { Mary Doughter of John wollfenden of hollenwood was borne the 20th of Desember 1653 and baptised the 25th of the same as abouesaid

Ellner Dougbter of Joshua Cudworth of Wernell borne the 29th of Desember 1653 and baptised the 5th of January

Thomas Sonne of John Lake borne the 20th of January 1653 baptised the 31 of the same

January

8th { Thomas Sonne of Luke Hallowes by Catheren his wife borne the 31 of December 1653 and baptised the 8th of January as abouesd.
Anne Daughter of Edmund Buckley of Crompton

17th—John Sonne of Robt Streete of the parish of asheton borne the 17th of January

29th—James Sonne of Abraham Shaw of the parish of Asheton borne the 29th of January

30—Samuell Sonne of Adam Ogden by Anne his wife borne the 30th Day of January

Thomas Lake baptisd the 31 of January afforesaide

ffebruary

7th—James Sonne of John Roads of Ryley by Anne his wife borne the 7th of february

8—Jeremiah Sonne of James Clayton of hollenwood by Martha his wife borne the 8th of february

Martha Doughter of Nicolas whythead of Hollinwood by Mary his wife borne the 17th day of february

John sonne of John Sevell of Crossbanke in the p ish of Asheton under line by Mary

his wife borne the 4th of february.
Mary Doughter of James whythead of Thelmore by his wife borne the 24th of february.
Debora Doughter of John wild of Greeneakers—more by Jane his wife borne the 22th day of february.

March 1653

Anne Doughter of Samuell Hewood of Harkenstead yate by Anne his wife borne the second day
Martha Doughter of will Leese by Anne his wife borne the 4th day.
Jane Doughter of John Whittaker of Greeneakers more by mary his wife borne 5th of March.
Sarah Doughter of Edmund Goddard of the parish of Asheton baptised 12th March.
Sarah Leese Doughter of James Leese of this toune born the 10th of March by mary his wife
James Sonne of John Jackson by Sarah his wife borne the 7th of March
John Sonne of Jsaake hill alius Delfe borne the 15th of March
Thomas Sonne of John Scholes by Anne his wife borne the 18th of March
Alis Doughter of Thomas Taylor by his wife borne the 18th of March
Mary Doughter of Edmund hill alius Delfe borne the 17th of March

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A Regester of the Mariages wthin the Parish of Ouldham since October 1653

The Twenty therd of October was publickly published and so Two seuerall lords Dayes after accordinge to Act of Parliamt James Leese of Parke wthin the Parish of Ouldham yeoman of the one Partye and Anne Doxon spinser Doughter of Nicolas Doxon of the woodhead wthin the Parish of Mottram and County of Chester husbandman of the other pty and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide jntended Mariage and the Mariage was

Solemnized at Newton by John Gilliam Esequire one of the Justices of the peace for this County of Lancaster the Eleventh Day of November 1653
Wittness
John Holt—George hadfield
John Gilliam the yonger

The Twenty seventh Day of October was publickly published and soe Two seuerall lordes Dayes after accordinge to act of Parliamt James Andrew Sonne of James andrew of Glodwicke webster of the one p tye and Mary Bardsley of the Same Glodwicke spinser of the other ptye both Inhabitants of this Parish of Ouldham and the Mariage was solemnized at Newton by John Gilliam Esqr one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster, the fourteenth Day of Nouember 1653
wittnesse
Samuell heape
John Andrew
John Pollet

The Sixte of Nouember and soe two Severall Lords Dayes after accordinge to act of Parliament was publikly published John Hale of Barrashaw hill widdower husbandman of the one ptye and Alis Smethurstof Coohillspinser both Jnhabitants wthin this Parish and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage and the Mariage was Solemnized at Newton by John Gilliam Esqr one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the Twenty Eight Day ot November 1653
witnesse
John Brearley
Joshua Ogden.
Edward Smethurst
Marke Neild

Jssaake Leese Sonne of John Leese of Clarsfield of the parish of Ouldham and Anne Leese Doughter of John Leese of the parish of Ashton-under-line weare maried by Mr Edward holbrooke Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for the County of Lancaster the purpasse and agreemt of the Said mariage have been published three seuerall lords Dayes

in the parish Church of Ouldham by mee and Assheton as may appeare 4th day of february 1653
These wittness
Edward halkard
Mark neild
John Leese

Thomas Ogden of Ouldham and Anne Couper of Chaderton both Jnhabitants of the parish of Ouldham weare Maried by Mr. Edmund Hoppwood Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for the Countye ot Lancaster the purpasse and agreemtt of the Said pties have beene published three seuerall lordes Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham 29th of January 5th of february 12 february 1653

EDM HOPWOOD

witness
John Houlden (*In the Margin*)
‡ marke 17th Febr
Edward × Coup

The agreemtt and purpasse of Mariage betweene John Leese wthin the Touneshipp of Ouldham widdower Carrier of the one ptye and Mary Scholes of the Touneshipp of Chadderton Spinser of the other partye both Jnhabitants wthin the parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of one & twenty was by mee and by Direction from the saide parties in writinge first Delieuered vnto mee published three seuerall Lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham aforesaid at the Close of the Morninge Exersise accordinge to the late acte of Parliamtt in that behalfe lately maide vizt one the 29th of January and one the 5th of february and one the 12th of february 1653 and nothinge hath been obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage the abouesaid parties John Leese of Ouldham and mary Scholes of Chadderton both Jnhabitants of the Parish of Ouldham weare married by Edmund Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for the County of Lancaster the 23 of february 1653 in testimony whereof he hath subscribed his name

EDM HOPWOOD

Theise wittness
John Andrew
John Scholes

Theophilus Ogden
Marke Neilde

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage between William Garlicke of the Parish of Ouldham Clothmaker and Alis Dixon of the Parish of Sadleworth and Countye of Yorke Spinser. Both aboue the Age of One and Twenty yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Delieuered vnto mee published three seuerall lordes Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exercise according to the late Act of Parliament latelye made in that behalfe vizt one the 12th of ffebruary and one the 19th of ffebruary and one the 26th of ffebruary 1653 and nothinge hath beene obiected agaynst the Saide intended Mariage and the abouesaide partyes weare Maried by Edmund Hopwood Esquire and one of the Justices of peace for the Countye of Lancaster the 6th of March 1653 in Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM HOPWOOD

witnesse
Richard Ogden
John Garlike
Marke Neild

G. SHAW.

Saturday, September 1st, 1888.

NOTES.

[192.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

A Regester of the Burialls wthin the Parish of Ouldham
October 1653

13th—Alis the wife of John Saxon of the Hollinwood wthin Oouldham Buried
18th—Edmund Sonne of Edmund Whythead De lime within Ouldham Buried
23th—Jsaake Sonne of Abraham Ogden of Hollinwood wthin Ouldham Buried
24th—Mary Knott Doughter of Elen Knott widdow wthin Ouldham Buried the 24th of October

26th—Mary wife of Alexander Lomax of Glodwicke wthin Ouldham Buried the 26 of October

Nouember

first Day. { Elizabeth wife of John Butterworth within Ryton Buried
Alice Doughter of James Kershaw of Greenacres more buried

3th—Sara Doughter of Thomas Assheton of this Towne

5th—Elizabeth wife of John Turner of Littlemore Departed the fourth Day of Nouember 1653 and her Corps was interred in the Comon Burial place the fift as abouesd

14th—Elizabeth Doughter of John Saxon of the Hollinwood Departed the 13 of Nouember 1653 and her Corps was Jnterred in the Common Burial place the fourteenth of the same as abouesaide

16th—Mary Doughter of John Hazelgraue of the parish of Assheton Departed the 15th of Nouember 1653 and her Corpes was Jnterred in the Common burial place the 16th of the same as abouesaide

28th—John Pollet of Glodicke Depted the 27th of Nouember 1653 and his Corpes was interred in the Common buriall place the 28th of the same as abouesaide

Desember

6th—Mary wife of Richard Tettlow of this Toune Departed the 5th Day of Desember 1653 and her Corps was interred in the Common buriall place the 6th of the same as abouesaid

11th—A child of Mary Latham buried the Eleuenth of Desember

12th—A Child of Ambrosse Jackson buried 12th of Desember

13th—Luke Hallowes of Coohill Departed the Eleuenth Day of Desember 1653 and buried in the Common buriall place the 13th of the same as abouesaide

15th { John Hazelgreaue of Netherleese wthin the perish of Assheton under-line Depted the 14th of Desembr 1653 and his Corps was interred the 15 of the same
Anne wife of Samuell Leese of Little End Depted this 14th of Desember 1653 and her Corps was interred in the Common buriall place the 15 of the same

19—Dorethe Dixon Doughter of John Dixon of Sadleworth Departed the 18th of Desember 1653 and her corps was interred in the Common buriall place the 19th of the same

24th { Henry Bardsley Departed the 23th of Desember 1653 and was interred in the Common buriall place the 24th as abousaide
Abraham Sonne of John Leese of Shelderslow wthin the Parish of Sadleworth Depted the 22 of Desember 1653 and was interred in the Common buriall place the 24th of the same as abousd

26th—George Dixon of the Parish of Sadleworth deptd the 25th of Desember 1653 and was interred in ye Common burial place the 26th of the same as abousesd

26th { Mrs Rathband deptd the 24th of Desembr 1653 and her corpes was interred the 26th of the same as abousesd

26th { Raphe Roads of the parish of Asshton under line Deptd the 25th of Desember 1653 and his corps was interd the 26th of the same as abousesd.

25th—Anne wife of Edmund Whythead of Denton Deptd the 26th of Desembr 1653. and her Corps was interred the 28th of the same as abousesd.

28th—A Child of James Leese of Leese Lane wthin the p ish of Asshton underline was buried the 28th of Desembr.

30th—Grace wife of James Broune of Crompton deptd the 29th of Desember 1653 and her Corps interrd in the Common buriall place the 31 of the same

January

3th—Katheren wife of Edmund ffitton of Parke wthin the Parish of Ashton under line Depted the 2th of January 1653 and her Corps was interred in the Common buriall place the third of the same

7th—Susanna Doughter of John Bageley of this Toune Depted the 6th of January 1653 and was buried the 7th of the same as aboasd.

16th—Joane wife of James Kershaw of Shouer buried the 16th of January

22th { John Latham Buried the 22th Day of January
John Sonne of James hall buried the 22th Day of January }

24th { Martha wife of Samuell hallowes of Crompton buried the 24th of January
John Houlden younger of Loesiide buried the 24th of January }

ffebruary 1653

2th { Will Bastard of Will hibert buried the 2th febru
A Child of Abraham Brearleyes 2 february }

8th—Daniell Hallows Buried the 8th of february.
Jane wife of John Ouldham buried the 8th of february

10th—Mary Bastard of Daniell Chadwick buried the 10th february

13th—John Howard of Lane head buried the 13th of february

14th—Jacob Ogden buried the 14th of february

19th—James Whittaker buried the 19th of february

17th—A Child of Richard hoppwood of horsedge buried the 17th of february

26th—Charles Sonne of Charles Lort buried the 26th feb :

March 1653

widdow Wild alias Nurse buried 4th Day of March Chamber gate

6th—Dorothy wife of Thomas Collenson buried

the 6th day
9th—A Child of Daniell Dunkerley buried the 9th day
10th—A Child of Edmund Langley buried the 10th day
15—A Child of John Ogdene of Humprey lane buried the 14 Day of March
16—Anne Assheton Doughter of Edmund Assheton Esqr buried the 16th Day of March
18th—Anne Lort widdow of this Toune buried the 18th March
Jane Bardsley of the p ish of Asheton buried 18th march

G. SHAW.

Saturday, September 8th, 1888.

NOTES.

[193.] PROPOSED BANK IN 1836.

We have been favoured by original copies of posters and handbills relating to the efforts put forth in our town to establish a Joint-Stock Bank and to build a Temperance Hall. The Bank must not have met with that success required. It would be interesting to know more of the history of the temperance movement in Oldham. The Temperance Hall in Horsedge-street has the date 1852 inscribed on a stone in front.

PROSPECTUS
OF A
JOINT STOCK BANK
TO BE CALLED
THE OLDHAM, CROMPTON, ROYTON, AND LEES
BANKING COMPANY.

Capital £250,000, in 25,000 Shares, of £10, Each

Looking to the importance of Oldham and its Neighbourhood, as a great Commercial Manufacturing District, with a population of 50,000 Inhabitants, all engaged in Commerce and Manufactures, and which is yearly increasing, it appears matter of

surprise that a JOINT STOCK BANK, which comprises Profit and Security, has not been established long ago.

The great advantages to be derived from Banks of this description, are now become so generally known, that to urge any thing in their favour appear almost unnecessary.

When it is known that in a Populous District like this there are only two Banks in operation, it will at once be perceived, from the growing wants of the community and the increasing Trade and prosperity of the District, that a Bank, founded upon such an excellent system, not only offers great advantages to the Shareholders, but is now become highly desirable to the Public at large.

Impressed with a strong conviction that such an undertaking will be of great benefit to the Inhabitants, it is intended to form a JOINT STOCK BANK, to be called "The *Oldham, Crompton, Royton, and Lees Banking Company.*"

That the Capital of the Bank be £250,000., in 25,000 Shares, at £10 each.

That the Shares shall be allotted by the Provisional Committee to applicants, in such manner as may appear to them best calculated to forward the interests of the Company.

That the business of the Bank be that of a deposit, discount, loan, agency, and circulation Bank.

That the Company shall be considered as formed when 5,000 Shares shall have been appropriated, and that a general meeting of Proprietors be then called for the purpose of choosing Directors.

That the Bank be under the superintendence and control of a board of Directors, not exceeding Seven in number, who shall be chosen annually.

That no person shall be eligible for a Director, who shall hold less than 50 Shares.

That the unappropriated Shares, at the time of choosing Directors, shall be allotted by them in such manner as they shall think most conducive to the prosperity of the Company.

That each applicant for Shares shall, on allotment, pay One Shilling per Share towards defray-

ing the expenses attendant upon the formation of the Company,—a sum of £1, per Share within One Month after the appointment of Directors, the further sum of £1. in Two Months afterwards and the remaining Sum of £8. to be called for at the discretion of the Directors; they calling for no larger a Sum at one call than £2. on each Share, and giving Two Months' notice of such call.

That at all Meeting of Shareholders, each Shareholder may Vote personally or by proxy, (such proxy being a Shareholder) authorized in writing; and that the Votes be regulated as follows: —10 Shares One Vote, 25 Shares Two Votes, 50 Shares Three Votes, 100 Shares and upwards Four Votes.

That should One-third of the paid-up Capital be at any time lost, the Company be thereupon dissolved, unless the Shareholders at a general Meeting, called for that purpose determine otherwise.

That immediately after Directors are appointed, a deed of settlement be prepared to contain al necessary and proper arrangements for the management of the Company, and the security of the Shareholders.

That the Names of the Shareholders shall not be disclosed until a return be filed according to Law.

That the above conditions be subject to alteration by the Shareholders.

Applications for Shares (post paid) to be directed to the Provisional Committee, and left at the office of MR. JOHN ASCROFT, SOLICITOR, CURZON-STREET, OLDHAM.

Printed forms of Application, as annexed, may be obtained of

MR. JOHN ASCROFT, Solicitor ....Oldham.
MR. D. EVANS, Printer.....Oldham.
QUEEN'S HEAD INN .....Crompton.
UNICORN INN .....Royton.
RED LION INN.....Lees.

To the Provisional Committee of the Oldham, Crompton, Royton, and Lees Banking Company.

Gentl.

I beg leave to request that you will allot me .....Shares in your Company.

I am, your Obedient Servant,

Name .....
Trade or Profession .....
Residence .....
Place of Business .....

Oldham, May 10th, 1836.

D. Evans, Printer, Church-street, Oldham.

[194.] PROSPECTUS
FOR
BUILDING A TEMPERANCE HALL
IN OLDHAM.

Capital, £2,000, in Transferable Shares of £1 Each.

At Meetings held in the Independent Methodist School Room, George-street, Oldham, it was RESOLVED

1. That a Building be erected in Oldham, and be called the "TEMPERANCE HALL" on such a plan as may be decided upon by a Managing Committee.

2. That £2,000 be raised in transferable Shares of £1 each, to be paid by instalments, for the erection of the said Building.

3. That a Provisional Committee be appointed to receive the names of persons subscribing for Shares; and that, as soon as 500 Shares are subscribed for, the said Committee to call a meeting of the Share-holders, who shall appoint Trustees and a Committee of Management to carry these resolutions into full effect.

4. That a deposit on each Share be paid at the time of subscribing, and that the remainder of the money be paid by instalments of not less than one shilling per month on each Share.

5. That every £10 collected, shall be put in the Bank, and remain there till the commencement of the Building.

6. That if the said Building shall not be commenced within twelve months from the date hereof,

the monies paid on each Share to be repaid to the subscribers.

7. That the following persons are appointed to receive the names and deposits of subscribers:—MR. JOHN RILEY, Draper, Market-place; MR. JOHN DODGE, Printer, Market-place; MR. PAUL COWPER, Draper, Mumps; MR. MICKLETHWAITE, Temperance Coffee House, Lees, and the committee, every Wednesday evening at the Independent Methodist School Room, George-street.

8. That the Hall of the Building shall be used for the purpose of Temperance Lectures,—and Lectures on the Arts, Sciences, &c.

G. CONNARD, secretary.

Oldham, June 18th 1838.

The dreadful effects of intemperance as exhibited daily in this our beloved country, must be so apparent, that *little need be said*, to show the necessity for *erecting a Building of this description*, to enable us to go *onward*, *persevere*, and finally remove the *wretchedness*, *misery*, *poverty and crime* produced to such an *alarming extent* by the too free indulgence in the *intoxicating cup*. The Committee therefore earnestly request all those who are willing to assist in the "*good work*," to come forward with their names and the number of Shares they wish to subscribe for, as soon as possible. They also beg leave to say, that any benevolent persons wishing to give donations towards carrying into effect this very desirable object, the same will be received with gratitude and respect.

Printed by J. Dodge, Market-Place, Oldham.

We are indebted to the kindness of Harry Clegg, Esq. J. P., for the loan of the original water-colour drawings from which the frontispiece to this volume is engraved,

Saturday, September 15th, 1888.

NOTES.

[195.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptisms 1654

Anne Doughter of Edmund Schoffeild by Sara his wife borne the the 25th of March

Jonathan Sonne of John Ogden De-fauleash by his wife borne the 26th of March

Anne Doughter of Joshua Crossley borne the 20th of March

ffrancis Sonne of Edmund Scholes De preist hill borne the 29th of March all baptised 2 aprill 1654

James Sonne of John Couper De Tinker Lane borne the 2th of Aprill

Anne Doughter of Abraham Clegg De Dert Carr borne the 4th of Aprill

Alis Doughter of Robt Meall De Leese in the Parish of Assheton borne the 29th of March

John Sonne of Thomas ffletcher De horsedge borne the 25th of March 1654 these baptised 4th Aprill 1654

Alis Doughter of Samuel heape by Elizabeth his wife of Glodwick borne the 12th of Aprill baptisd the 16th of the same

Mary Hudson of Northmore baptised the 23rd day of April

James sonne of George hall of Coehill by Sarah his wife born the 28th of Aprill baptised the 30th of the same

Raphe Sonne of Edmund Cocker of Ouldham by Sarah his wife borne the 19th of Aprill baptised the 30th of the same

John Sonne of John Leeze borne the 17 of May 1654 baptised 31 day

Daniell Sone of Daniell Blakeley of Ouldham by Anne his wife borne the 19th of Aprill baptised the 30th of the same

Susanna Doughter of John Brearley of Barashaw by Mary his wife borne the 29th of Aprill baptised the 7th of May

May

Daniell Sonne of Thomas Williamsonne of this Towne borne the 14th of May baptised the 23th of the Same

John Sonne of John Buckley of Shouer borne the 23rd of May baptised the 28th of the Same

will Sonne of Edmund Kershaw of Hopkin-fould borne the 20th of may baptisd the 28th

June

James Sonne of James woolsnam of thelemore borne the 8th day of June 1654 baptis'd the 11th of the Same

Anne Doughter of James Hall of foxdenton borne the 8th day baptis'd the 11th day

Mary Doughter of John Leese of Mossan borne the 2th day baptisd the 11th

Mary Doughter of James Leese of Leese Lane borne the 22th day baptisd the 28th

George Sonne of Edmund Taylor of Harkensted-yate borne the 16th of June baptis'd the 2th of July

Anna Doughter of Edward Smith of this toune baptisd 2th of July

July 1654

Josias Sonne of Edward Taylor of Nether Leese borne the 22th of June baptisd the 9th of July

John Sonne of John Couper of Broady lane borne the 11th of July baptis'd the 16th

Dorcas Doughter of Jsaacke Ogden of this Towne borne the 12th baptis'd the 16th day

Joseph and Jonathan Sonnes of John Halkard under Edge borne and baptis'd the 16th day of July 1654.

Jonathan Sonne of Thomas Holland borne the 13th day baptis'd the 23 Day

Elizabeth Doughter of Robt Ogden of foxdenton borne the 19th day of July baptisd 26th of the Same

Jzabell Doughter of John Leese of Crossbanke borne the 30th of July baptisd the 6th of August

Aug

James Hoppwood Sonne of Richard De horsedge baptis'd the 6th of August

Edmund Sonne of Edmund Goddard De hollens

borne the 13th Day of August baptisd the 20th of ye same

Alis Doughter of will Taylor of Rabuckloe borne the 9th day of August baptisd the 20th

Thomas Sonne of John Pollet of Glodwick borne the 14th Day of August baptis'd the 20th of the Same

Raphe Sonne of John Jackson great John borne the 27th Day of August baptised the 3th of September

John Bardsley Sonne of James of Greeneakers borne the 28th of August baptised the 3th of September

Septr

Beniamon Sonne of John Marsland of Thelemore borne the 16th of September baptisd the 24th

Mary Doughter of Peeter Collenge borne the 15th of September baptised the 24th of the Same

Richard Sonne of Thomas Assheton of this Toune borne the 17th of September baptisid the 24th day

Edmund Sonne of James wild of Crompton borne the 13th day of Septembr baptisd the 24th day

October

Mary Doughter of Phinehas Chadwicke borne the 29th September baptisd 8th of the Same

Anne Doughter of Samuell Knott of this Toune borne the 4th of October baptisd 21th of the same

James Sonne of James Jackson of Hollenwood borne the 1th day of octobr baptised 8th day

Sara Doughter of Daniell Leese within Assheton parish borne the 17th Day of October bapd 22th day.

Daniell Sonne of Daniell Ogden of Swine Clough borne th 7th of October baptised ye 25th of the same

Jane Doughter of George Leese of Greenakers borne the 23th of October baptised the 29th of ye Same

Doughter of Abell Brearley of Holinwood borne the 27th Day of October baptised 5th of

nouember

Samuell Sonne of John Millnes of Higenshaw Gate borne the 25th Day baptisd the 5th of Nouember

Abraham Sonne of Ottiwell wild of Newearth borne the 31 of October baptisd the 5th of Nouember

Elizabeth Doughter of Daniell Chadwick of Beartrees borne the 27th of October baptisd 5th of Nouember

Anne Doughter of Thomas Crompton of Little More borne the 30th day of October baptisd 5th of Nouember

bast. Mary and Alice Doughters of Randell whittaker of Thelamore borne the 20th of October baptisd 12th of Nouember

Mary Doughter of John wild of Hollins borne the 24th of Nouember baptised the 3d Day of December

Desember

Jane Doughter of Abraham Ogden of Greeneackres more born the 7th of Desember baptised the 0th Day

Grace Doughter of Raphe Jacksone of this Toune borne the forth Day of December baptisd the 10th of the same

John Sonne of Edmund Taylor of Dertkar borne the 26th of December baptisd the 31 of December

Edmund Sonne of James Leach of the Parish of Sadleworth borne the 17th of December baptisd the 31 of the same

John Sonne of Jsaake Leese of Greenakers More borne the 1th of January baptised the 7th Day

Joseph Sonne of John Lomax borne the 27th of Desember baptisd the 7th of January

Humphrey Sonne of Robert Marlor of hollenwood borne the 28th of Desember baptisd the 7th of January.

Abraham Sonne of John Ogden of Humphreylane borne the 29th of Desember baptisd the 7th of January

January 1654

Alis Doughter of John Saxon of foxdenton borne the 9th of January baptisd the 14th of the same.

Thomas Sonne of Henry Hillton of Pittbanke borne the 18th Day

John Sonne of John winterbothom of Leese lane w thin Assheton p ish

John Schoffeild of strines borne the 17th Day baptisd the 21 Day

Mary Doughter of Daniell Hallowes baptisd 28th Day

Marke Sonne of James whythead of Coehill borne the 25th of January
John Sonne of James Hale of Greenakers borne the 30th of January.
Sarah Doughter of James hopwood borne the 30th of January baptisd the 11th of february.

ffebruary 1654

Jonas Sonne of John Andrew of Ault in Ashton parish borne the 4th Day of february baptisd the 18th day

John Sonne of Richard Smith of Hollins borne the 18th Day baptisd the 24th of ffebruary

Edmund Sonne of Edmund Langley borne the 22nd Day

Joshua Sonne of Raphe Houlden of Houldens borne the 28th day february baptisd the 4th day of March

Martha Doughter of Abraham Taylor of Thelemore borne the 25th of februarye baptisd the 11th of March

March 1654

Peeter Sonne of Edmund Crompton of Greenakers more borne the 4th day of March

John Sonne of Daniell Jackson borne the 14 Day baptisd the 18th Day

Joseph Sonne of John Andrew of Glodwick borne the 20th Day baptisd the 25th

G. SHAW.

Saturday, September 22nd, 1888.

NOTES.

[196.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Marriages 1654

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Peeter Collinge of vpper Coohill w thin Ouldham Clothmaker and Anna Smethurst of Blocke-lane w thin Chaderton both inhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of One and Twenty yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Said

p erties in writinge ferst Deliuered vnto mee published three seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of ye morninge Exersise accordiuge to the late Act of Parliamt lately made vizt one the 26th of february and one the 5th of March and one the 12th of March 1653 and nothinge hath beene obiected against the Saide intended Mariage And the abouesd parties weare Maried by Edmund Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for the County of Lancaster the 27th of March 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse
John Collinge
Henry Smethurst
Marke Neild

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene John Taylor of Thorpe w thin Ryton Husbandman of the one partye and Alis Taylor of the Same spinser both Jnhabitants w thin the parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of One and Twenty yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Said p ties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published three seuerall lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exersise accordinge to the late act of Parliamt in that behalfe lately made vizt one the 19th of March and one the 26th of March And one the second of Aprill 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide intended mariage and the abouesaid parties weare maried by Edmund Hopwod Esqr and one of peace for this countye of Lancaster the 3d of Aprill 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse
James Taylor
Richard Taylor

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Henry wrigley Sonne of Henry wrigley of Chamber w thin the parish of Ouldham Esqr and aboute the age of Twentye yeares and Susanna Jenkinson Doughter of Samuell Jenkenson of woodhouses within

the parish of Assheton vnderline Deceased and aboute the Age of Seaventeen yeares was by mee and by Direction from the saide parties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published three seuerall lordes dayes in the parish Church of of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge exersise accordinge to the Late Act of Parliamentt in that behalfe lately made vizt one the 15th of January and one the 22th of January and one the 29th of January 1653 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage and the abouesaide parties weare Maried by Edmund Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for the Countye ot Lancaster the 5th of Aprill 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittness
Henry wrigley Esqr
Samuell Jenkenson gent
James Neild. Jssaker Thorpe
w th others

The agreement and purpasse of Mariage betweene Michaell Morehouse of ffoohone Sonne of Mathew Morehouse oth hale w thin Kirkburton parish in the Countye of yorke yeoman of the one partye And Anne winterbothom Doughter of James winterbothom w thin Ryton in the pish of Ouldham and County of Lane spinser of the other partye was by mee and by Direction from the Sd parties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published Three Seuerall lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise accordinge to the Late Acte of Parliamt in that behalfe Lately made vizt one the 15th of January and one the 22th of January and one the 29th of January 1653 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide intended Mariage and the abouenamed p ties weare Maried by Thomas Birche Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for the Countye of Lancaster the 30th ofAprill 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath subscribed his name

THO. BIRCHE

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene

James whythead w thin Chadderton webster of the one partye and Mary Platt of Coohill w thin Chaderton aforessid of the other partye spinser both Jnhabitants w thin the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of one and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide Parties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee. Published three seuerall Lorde Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise accordinge to the Late acte of Parliamt in that behalf Lately made vizt one the 16th of Aprill and one the 23th of Aprill and one the 30th of Aprill 1654 and none hath Obiected agaynst the saide Jntended Mariage and the Aboue named partyes weare maried by Edmund Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for Countye of Lancaster the second of May 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM : HOPWOOD

Witnesse
Marke Whythead
Richard Whythead

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene James Kenion of Droylsden wthin the Parish of Manchester Linnen webster of the one partye And Ester Smith Doughter of John Smith wthin Glodwicke and in the Parish of Ouldham Spinster of the other partye both aboute the Age of one and Twentye yeares was by me and by Direction from the Saide p ties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morning Exersise accordinge to the Late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 16th of Aprill and one the 23th of Aprill and one the 30th of Aprill 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage And the Abouenamed parties weare Maried by Edmund Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for the Countye of Lancaster the Second Day of May 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM : HOPWOOD.

Witnesse
John Smith

John Worrall.
Samuell Schoffeild
John Lomax

The agreemt and Purpasse of Mariage betweene Randell whittaker of Thelemore within Chadderton flax dresser of the one Partie And Sarah Brearley of Ouldham Spinser of the other partye both Jnhabitants wthin the parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise accordinge to the late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 23th of Aprill and one the 30th of Aprill and one the 7th of May 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage. And the Aboue-named partyes weare maried by Edward Holbrooke Esqur and one of the Justices of peace for the County of Lancr the Eighteenth of May 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name.

EDWARD HOLBROOKE

Wittnesse
John Whittaker
Samuell Knott
John Brearley
Marke Neild

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Edward Ogden of Thelemore w thin Chaderton in the Parish of Ouldham Linen webster of the one partye And Jzabell Hillton wth in the Parish of Assheton vnder Line Spinser of the other partye and both aboue the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published Three Seuerall Lords dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late Act of Parliamt Lately Made vizt one the 30th of Aprill and one the 7th of May and one the 14th of May 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage And the abouenamed parties

weare Maried by Edward Holbrooke Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for the County of Lancaster the 17th of May 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

Wittness

James hillton of droylsden
Thomas Ogden of mosse
John Leech of Little moss
Chapman
and Divers others

(*Continued.*) G. SHAW.

DEATH OF THE RECTOR OF MIDDLETON.

Early on Tuesday morning the Rev. Waldegrave Brewster, rector of St. Leonard's Church, Middleton, died very suddenly. On the day previous he was apparently well, having conducted a marriage service at the Parish Church, and afterwards taken a drive to Whitefield and back. He was seized with illness during the night, and was attended by his son, who is in the medical profession, but expired about 7 30 in the morning. He had suffered from heart disease for some time, and, in consequence, had not been able to devote his full energies to the work of the parish. He leaves a wife and several sons and daughters to mourn his loss. During the period of his ministrations in Middleton he has been greatly respected, and the attendance at the Parish Church was greatly augmented as a result of his able and intelligent preaching. Flags were hoisted half-mast high on several of the principal buildings in the town on the rev. gentleman's decease becoming known. Mr. Brewster was a member of an old Norfolk family. He was the second son of Mr. Joseph Nunn Brewster, a county magistrate, of Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex, where he was born in 1816, and was, therefore, in the 73rd year of his age. He was educated at Trinity College, Oxford, graduating in 1839. Ordained in 1839, his first curacy was with Prebendary John Venables, at Buckland-Newton, Dorchester. In 1842 he was appointed senior curate of Hawarden by the then rector, the late Rev. Henry Glynne, brother of Mrs. Gladstone. Mr. Brewster was curate at Hawarden for seventeen years, during which period he ably seconded the efforts of his rector, who previous to taking holy orders was for a short time M.P. for the

Flint Boroughs. In 1859 Mr. Brewster's long services were rewarded by his being presented by the Bishop of St. Asaph to the rectory of Llandysilio, near Oswestry. In 1870, by the elevation of Archdeacon Durnford to the See of Chichester, the patronage of the rectory of Middleton fell for that term to the Crown, and Mr. Gladstone nominated the ex-curate of Hawarden to the living. In 1883 Mr. Brewster was appointed by Bishop Fraser rural dean of Prestwich and Middleton, in succession to the late Canon H. M. Birch. But this office, owing to failing health, he resigned some two years ago. Mr. Brewster was a High Churchman of the Wilberforce and Hook school, and never sanctioned any "advanced" practices or preachings. The best part of his life had been devoted to diligent parochial work. He married during the earlier part of his career at Hawarden Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Thomas Roach, of Glastonbury—descended from a sister of Richard Whiting, last Abbot of Glastonbury. His eldest son, Waldegrave Brewster, B.A., of Jesus College, Oxford, some time curate of Berriew, Montgomeryshire, is now vicar of Middleton-in-Chirbury, Salop. The living of St. Leonard's is in the gift of Mr. Alfred Butterworth, of Springbank, Werneth. It is valued at about £1,000 per annum, with residence, and carries with it the patronage of the livings of St. Mary's, Birch-in-Hopwood; St. John's, Birch; Holy Trinity, Parkfield; All Saints', Rhodes; and part patronage of St. Saviour's, Ringley. A church is said to have existed at Middleton as early as 1091, but the present edifice was rebuilt in 1412, and again in 1524, on the site of an earlier building assigned to 1291. It was restored in 1869, just before Mr. Brewster was appointed to the benefice. About 40 years ago Lord Suffield sold the Middleton estate, with Thornham and the advowson of the rectory, to Sir Samuel Peto and Mr. Betts for nearly £20,000. It passed into the hands of Messrs. Wagstaffe and Brassey, and from thence to Mr. A. Butterworth. Lord Brassey still owns several plots of land in the neighbourhood. The earliest rector known is shown by the Hopwood family records to have been Robert, son of Geoffrey de Hopwood, 1421-1457. The registers, though they date from 1541, give no record of any rector till 1618, when Edward Assheton became incumbent. The following succeeded him:—

Robertus Walkeden, 1624; Abdie Assheton, about 1629; William Assheton, 1644; Robert Simmonds, 1663; Samuel Sidebottom, 1714; Francis Pigot, 1752; Richard Assheton, 1757; Robert Walker, 1801; John Haughton, 1818; James Archer (who had been curate 55 years), 1829; Charles John Way, 1832; Richard Durnford, 1835; Waldegrave Brewster, 1870.

Saturday, September 29th, 1888.

NOTES.

[198.] A PRESENTMENT PAPER FOR THE PARISH OF OLDHAM, 1684.

The following interesting relic of the discipline of the Church is taken from the various papers which have been preserved by successive vicars, and which are now in the care of the Rev. A. J. J. Cachemaille. It may not seem to everyone a desirable thing that this discipline should be revived, but there can be no doubt that the absence of all Church discipline of this character is much to be deplored, and is chargeable with a fair share of the irregularities and vices which go unrebuked and therefore unchecked.

The original, which is in Latin, we append a translation.

JOHN, by Divine Providence Archbishop of York, Primate of England, and Metropolitan, to all and singular clerks and literates whatsoever, wheresoever appointed throughout the province of York greeting:—WE charge you that ye cite, or one of you cite peremptorily, all and singular, whose names and surnames are written below, by (these) presents, personally, if they can be so cited, otherwise by public proclamation of the citation, by fixing the presents on the doors and over the entrances of your parish churches and chapels, and by leaving them for some time in the same place and furthermore by showing them in the presence of acquaintances, friends, neighbours and their households, and by other lawful ways and methods, by which you can of right, So that our

citation by these means may in all probability reach respectively to tne knowledge of the (parties) themselves, that they may appear, and every one of them may appear before us or our deputies or deputy, him or them whomsoever, in the Parish Church of Manchester on Thursday the eighteenth (?) day of the month of September between the hours (of) nine and eleven before noon of the same day To ANSWER certain Articles, Summaries or Interrogatories concerning the very health of their souls and Reformation of their morals, and especially the offences, crimes, and excesses discovered and revealed in our Metropolitan Visitation lately (and) lawfully held, and described below, to be canonically objected of our mere duty against them and every of them, when they shall have come, and to be personally ministered (according as they concern them conjointly and severally), and FURTHER to do and receive what shall be just in this respect.

And what ye shall have done in the premises, ye shall on the said day, hour, and place, together with the presents, duly certify us or our deputy or deputies whomsoever.

Given under the seal of our Consistory Court at York where we reside the fourteenth day of the month of August, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand, Six Hundred (and) Eighty Four.

James Jackson of Pitt for not coming to prayers till the latter end of Divine Service

Thomas Tetlow sen. and John Lees of Lowside for Sitting in the Church with their hatts on in Sermon time

James Sykes and Elizabeth his wife Isaac Wild senr and his wife. Isacc Wild and his wife Sarah Wild Spinter. wife of John Lees. James Wild and Suzanna Boydall for not coming to Church nor receiving the Sacrament James Twedall and Jane Crompton for ffornication together

Abraham Wild and Hester Shaw for the like

Thomas Bradley and Sarah Whitaker for ffornication together

Radcliffe Chadderton and Sarah Jackson for the

like

Abrahamam Ogden and Annam Scholes for the like

John Newton of Heyside for Standing Excomunicate

James Buerdsell and Robert Mayall for Loytering in the Church yard in time of Divine Service.

John Bagaley James Sykes Thomas Lees and John Atkinson for not paying of their Church layes

Henry Tetlow of Thailemorre for not Baptizing of his Children

wife of Johnis Scholfeild of Oldham wife of James Bury of Hopkinfold wife of Willim Wright of Hollins wife of James Buckley of Greenhill wife of James Cocker of Sholver wife of Robert Leech of Broadhey Lane wife of James Platt of Near Watterhead Mill and wife of James Taylor of Lowside for not returning Thanks after Safe Delivery from Child Birth

Issaac Wild senr for interring Mary Sale att the Quakers burying place

James Jackson of Oldham for Committing fornication with Alice Milne lately deceased

James Goodard, John Bagaley, James Sykes, and John Atkinson for not paying their Church Layes

Jonathan Milne and Sara Holt for Suspition of Adultery together.

Parish of Oldham.

Oldham Sep 14th 1684
Published then according to order
By mee
Isaac Harpur
Curate Jbm

[199.] FIFTEENTH FOR CHADDERTON, 1577.

h Preserved amongst the Raines' MS. there is an early list of the Names of those who paid the above Tax together with the amount. It gives an idea of the size of the Township at that period

From Notes and Queries Vol ix p 176

What the meaning of the FIFTEENTHS are, and

h Vol. xxiv., p. 275.

answered : as follows

This was the tribute or imposition of money called *fifteenths*, formerly laid upon cities boroughs., &c., so called because it amounted to a fifteenth part of that which each city or town was valued at, or a fifteenth of every man's personal estate, according to a reasonable valuatior. In 1588 on occasion of the Spanish invasion, the Parliament gave Queen Elizabeth two subsidies and four fifteenths.

A Sessment for the 15th of all the Towne of Chadderton except Cottages November 12 Day Eiza xx Anno 1577

Asheton

Edmund Asheton Esqre	03	00
Edmund Whitehead.....	00	08
Raph Whitehead	00	04
Edwd Hartley	00	03
Nicholas Hartley	00	01
James Bruckshawe	00	02
James Hall.....	00	03
William Hall	00	04
ux John Hall / Edmd Asheton	00	04
Richard Whitehead	00	02
Edmd Smethurst	00	03
Edward Smethurst	00	01
Thomas Collinson	00	01
Arthur Asheton.....	00	03
Henry Asheton	00	03
Rodger Whitworth	00	01
Uxr John Millnes	00	01
Henry Bury	00	01
Sume is	06	08

Standish

Edmund Taylor ..... / Thomas Taylor	00	09
Thomas Scholes.....	00	07
Ux Edm Scholes..... / Ux Francis Scholes	00	09
James Scholes	00	07
Vx John Scholes	00	07
Georg Scholes.....	00	04

Vx Robert Scholes	00	04	
Robert Scholes	00	04	
Thomas Neild	00	08	
Alexr Neild	00	02	
John Matthew	00	04	
John Cowper	00	08	
James Ogden	00	02	
Edward Buckley	00	04	
Edwd Buckley Junr	00	03	
William Scholes.....	00	01	
Sume is	06	08	

Radcliffe

William Radcliffe Esqr.....	01	06	
Peeter Ogden.....	00	07	
Edward Smethurst	00	03	
Nicholas Cowper	00	05	
Robert Whittaker.....	00	05	
Robert Tetlow	00	01	
William Whittaker	00	01	2qrs
Edward Whitehead	00	00	2qrs
James Hall.....	00	01	
Arthur Ogden.....	00	01	2qrs
William Ogden	00	03	
Edmund Ogden	00	04	2qrs
Thomas Ogden	00	03	
James Hunte, Ralph Whittaker, Edmd Whittaker	00	04	2qrs
Robert Cowper	00	04	2qrs
Henry Bexwycke	00	02	
Uxr John Whittaker	00	05	
William Whittaker	00	03	
Thomas Thorpe	00	03	
Robert Hall	00	01	
Henery Stocke	00	03	
Sume is	06	08	

Meane Tenants and others

John Scholes	00	07
Chadderton Millne	00	07
James Whitehead.....	00	05
Henry Brearley.....	00	02

Francis Buckley.....		00	02
Sume is		01	11
	li	s	d
Sume Totall is	01	01	11

Vera copia
ABRAHAM WYLD
ROBT: TETLOW

Saturday, October 6th, 1888.

NOTES.

[200.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.
Marriages 1654 (*Continued*).

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariaige betweene Abraham Hillton of high Crompton wthin the Parish of Ouldham Clothmaker of the one partye and Sarah Shaw of Boreshurst wthin Sadleworth in the Countye of Yorke spinser of the other ptye both aboue the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published Three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late Acte of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 7th of May and one the 14th May and one the 21th of May and none hath obiectd agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage And the abouenamed Partyes weare Maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for the County of Lancaster the 29th of May 1654 Jn Testemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

Wittness
John Hillton husbandman in Crompton
John Shaw prentice and wollen Clothier in Manchester

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Edward Smith of the Toune of Ouldham widower

webster And Ester Hallowes of the Same Spinster of the other partye both of this parish and aboue the age of One and Twentye years was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writing first Deliuered vnto mee Published Three Seuerall Lords dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morning Exersise Accordinge to the Late Act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 7th of May and one the 14th of May and one the 21th of May 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage And the Abouenamed p sons weare Maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for the Countye of Lancaster the 30th of May 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his Name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse

Thomas Ogden
James Dunkerley
John Smith

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Samuell Hallowes of Whittfeild in the Parish of Ouldham. Tayler Widdower of the one ptye and Susanna Asshworth of Newhey in the Parish of Ratsdale of the other partye both aboue the age of 21 yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide ptyes Jn writinge first deliuered vnto mee published Three seuerall lords Dayes at the Close of the Morninge Exersise in the Parish Church of Ouldham Accordinge to the Late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 14th of May and one the 21th of May and one the 28th of May 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage and the Abouenamed persons weare Maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Esqre and one of the Justices of Peace for the County of Lancaster the 5th of June Jn Testemony whereof hee hath subscribed his name

EDM HOPWOOD

Witnesse

James Buckley
Samuell Crompton
Noah Hallowes.

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Robt Thorpe of Thorneham wthin the Parish of Middleton husbandman of the one partye and Martha Dunkerley of Coohill wthin the Parish of Ouldham Spinser of the other pyte both aboue the age of One and Twenty yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published Three Seuerall Lordes Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise accordinge to the late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 28th May and one the 4th June and one the 11th of June 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Said intended Mariage and the abouenamed persons weare Maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for the Countye of Lanc the 19 of June Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM HOPWOOD

John Dunkerley
Mark Nield

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Thomas Hibert the yonger wthin the Toune of Ouldham feltmaker of the one partye and Anne Wrigley of the Same Spinser of the other partye both aboue the Age of One and Twentye yeares and both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham was by mee and by Direction from the Saide ptes in Writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published Three Seuerall Lordes Dayes at the Close of the Morninge Exersise accordinge to the late acte of Parliamt lately made vizt one the 11th of June and one the 18th of June and the 25th of June 1654 and none hath obiectd agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage and the aboue named persons weare maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for the Countye of Lancaster the 26th of June Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

wittnesse

ffrancas Wrigley
John Etherson
Adam Hibert

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene James Leeze of Barrashaw husbandman of the parish of Asshton of the one Partye husbandman and Mary Breareley of the other ptye spinser both Jnhabitants within the Parish of Ouldham Dougbr of Edmund breareley of Crompton linen webster and aboue the Age of one and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide Partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto me Published Three Seuerall lords Dayes at the Close of the Morninge Exersise accordinge to the late Act of Parliamt lately made vizt one the the 9th of July and one the 16th of July and one the 23th of July 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage and the aboue named persons weare maried by Mr Edward Holbroocke in Manchester and one of the Justices of the peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 24th of July Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

Witnesses

Capt John wolfenden
John Brearley of Crompton
Jn the pish of Ouldham wolen webster
Daniell Leeze of Ratsdale, Clothworker

The agreemt and Purpasse of Mariage betweene Thomas Collenson of Coohill widdower Taylor and Mary Hallowes widdow of the Same spinser wthin Chadderton both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide ptyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published 3 Seueral Lords Dayes in Parish Church of Ouldham accordinge to the Late Act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 6th of August and one the 13th of August and one the 20th of August and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide intended mariage and the Aboue named Parties weare Maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for the County of Lancaster the 22th of August 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

The purpasse and Agreemt of Mariage betweene James Roads Sone of Samuell of the Parish of Ouldham of the one Partye and Ester Smith Doughter of Micaell Readall of Boulton widdow of the other Partye weare Published at Asheton under line 3 seuerall Market dayes vizt vppon the 25th of October the 1th of November and vppon the 8th of the same Accordinge to Act of Parliament lately made

By henry Cocke

Roberte warington of ths Parish of Ouldham and Countye of Lancaster Carier and Martha Schofeild of the same Parish widdow spinser weare Married at Manchester the 25th of September 1654 before Edward Hoolbrooke Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace wthin this County of Lancaster as wittness my hand

Edmund Buckley of the Parish of Ouldham & County of Lancr Husbandman and Jane Mores of the Same spinser weare Maried at Manchester the 24th of September 1654 before Edward Holbrooke Essqr and one of the Justices of peace wthin this County of Lancaster as Wittnesse my hand EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

Samuell Hall of the Parish of Ouldham and Countye of Lancaster widdower Webster and Mary Jackson spinser of the Same Parish weare Maried at Manchester the 24th of September 1654 before Edward Holbrooke Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace wthin the Countye of Lancaster as Witnesse my hand

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

Edmund Whythead of ffoxdenton wthin the Parish of Ouldham and Countye of Lancaster widdower Husbandman and Elizabeth hall Doughter of James Hall wthin Midleton Parish spinser weare Maried at Hopwood the Third day of October 1654 by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace wthin this Countye of Lancaster as wittnesse my hand

EDM HOPWOOD

James Roades Sonne of Samuell Roades of Green

eakres wthin the Parish of Ouldham and Countye of Lancaster yeoman And Ester Smith of Boulton widdow Late wife of Henry Smith weare Maried at Hopwood the Ninth Day of Nouember 1654 by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace wthin this Countye of Lancaster

as wittnesse my hand EDM: HOPWOOD

wittnesse

John Wolfenden Capt
James Leese. Sam: Knott
James Roads Sam. Roads

Saturday, October 13th, 1888.

[201.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.
Marriages 1654.
(*Continued.*)

James Thorpe Sonne of Robt Thorpe of Ryton Colier wthin the Parish of Ouldham and Susanna Broune Doughter of John Broune of Millro wthin the Parish of Rachdale yet withall Liuinge in Whyttfeld in the Parish of Ouldham spinser weare Maried at Manchester the 18th of Nouember before Edward Holbroocke Essqr and one of the Justices of peace wthin this Countye of Lancaster as wittness my hand

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

wittness

Nicholas Mellor
Joseph wild

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene George Scholes of Chaderton husbandman aboue the age of 21 yeares of the One ptye and Anne Clegge Doughter of ffrancis Clegge of Shouer and aboute the age of Sixtene yeares Seamster of the Other pty and both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham was by mee and by Direction from the Saide parties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published Three seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late Act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 5th of Nouember and one

the 12th and one the 19th of Nouember and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage and the Aboue named persons weare Maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Esquire and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 21th day of Nouember 1654 jn Teastemony whereof he hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

wittnesse

ffrancis Clegge
Thomas Horrakes
Richard Scholes

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage between James Butterworth Sonne of Robt Butterworth of Crompton wthin the Parish of Ouldham and Countye of Lancaster husbandman of the one partye and Anne Garside Doughter of John Garside Deceased wthin the parish of Sadleworth and Countye of Yorke spinser both aboue the age of one and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide ptyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published Three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late Act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 12th of Nouember and one the 19th and one the 26th of Nouembr and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage And the Abouenamed persons weare Maried at Sadleworth by will ffarrer Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for the Countye of yorke the 14th Day of December Jn Teastomony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

WILL FFARRER.

wittnesse

John Butterworth
Henry Garside

George Wolsencroft of the Parish of Ouldham and County of Lancaster husbandman ot the one partye And Elen Knott of the Same Widdow both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham weare Maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Esqre and one of the Justices of the peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 16th of December 1654 Jn Teastemony

whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

Samuell Knott
John Ogden
Lawrance Nuttall

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage Betweene James Wild Sonne of James of Crompton Shoemaker of the one partye and Sarah Butterworth Doughter of John Butterworth Desead of the Same spinser both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of one and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in Writinge first Delivered unto mee Published Three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 3rd of December and one the 10th and one the 17th of December 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage and the aboue named persons weare maried by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 26th of December Jn Teastemonye Whereof hee hath subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse
James wild of Crompton
Senior yeoman
John Butterwodth of the Same
husbandman

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene James Leese Sonne of George Leeze wthin horshedge of the one ptye Carier and Ester Broadheade of Greeneakers Doughter of William Broadhead Deceased both aboue the age of One and Twentye years and both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham was by mee and by Direction from the Saide Parties in writing first Deliuered vnto mee published three Seuerall Lords dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morning Exersise Accordinge to the Late Act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 17th Day of December and one

the 24th of December and one the 31th of December 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide intended Mariage And the abouenamed psons weare maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Essqre and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 4th of January Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

wittnesse

George Leese wthin horsedge
husbandman
James Ogden of Ouldham
Shoomaker

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene James Neild of Hollenwood wthin Chaderton of the one ptye yeoman and Sarah Travis Doughter of John Travis of Thelemore wthin Chaderton aforesaide spinser ot the other ptye Both Jnhabitants wthin the parish of Ouldham and aboute the age of One and Twenty yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late acte of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 17th of Day of decembr and one the 24th of Decembr and one the 31th of december 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage And the Abouenamed psons weare Maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 9th of January 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

wittnesse

John Travis of Chaderton
Shoomakr
Robt Ogden of foxdenton
both of the Parish of Ouldham
Peeter Walken of Manchester
Shoomaker

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Richard Cropper of the Toune of Ouldham Colier

of the one partye and Mary Sinderland of the Same spinser of the other ptye both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise accordinge to the Late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 31th of Desember and one the 7th of January and one the 14th of January and none hath obiected agaynst the saide Jntended Mariage and the Aboue named persons weare maried at hoppwood by Edmund Hoppwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the sixteenth Day of January 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

wittnesse

Thomas ffletcher Senior
Thomas Wallmersley

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene James Roads Sonne of Abraham Roades wthin the Toune of Ouldham of the one Partye Chappman and Mary Goddard Doughter of James Goddard wthin the Same spinser both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide Parties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the late acte of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 21th of Januarye and one the 28th of January and one the 4th of february and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage And the Abouenamed psons weare maried at Hoppwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the eight Day of ffebruary 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

wittness

Abraham Roads
James Goddard

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Joseph hill wthin Ryton Millnewright Widdower of the one Partye and Grace Heward of the Same spinser both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham and aboute the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide parties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close ot the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the late Act of Parliamt lately made vizt one the 18th Day of february and one the 25th of february and one the 4th of March 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage and the Abouenamed psons weare maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this County of Lancaster the 13th day of March 1654 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

wittness

Robt Heward
Edmund Hill

G. SHAW.

Saturday, October 20th, 1888

NOTES.

Amongst the Butterworth MSS. in the Oldham Free Reference Library, Union-street, there are a number of loose sheets of manuscript in the handwriting of E. Butterworth, evidently intended for his History of Oldham, which was not completed. On page 181 the date 1847 is mentioned, and these notes go up to 1846. Unfortunately many leaves are missing, but several sections are complete.

[202.] NUMERICAL AMOUNT AND PRODUCTIVE POWER OF MACHINERY.

In 1831 it was estimated that the number of carding engines in the cotton mills of the township of Oldham amounted to 3200.—in those of the parish 5200.

In 1846 the carding engines in the township were roundly estimated at 4200 and in the parish at 6500.

The number of mule spindles in the cotton factories of the township of Oldham in 1846 was 971.327, and in those of the parish 1,236,637—Throstle spindles in the township 64.448,—parish 190,476 (of which number 86,836, were in Crompton) Twining or Doubling Spindles in the township 61,154,—in the parish 71,564—(of which number there was not a single one in Crompton) roving spindles in the township 7004. in the parish 11,224.

The aggregate amount of spindles in the township of Oldham in 1846 was 1,103,933: Crompton 185.876.: Royton 166.692: Chadderton 53.400 total in the parish 1.509.901.

The aggregate amount of cotton yarn produced weekly in the factories in the township of Oldham in 1846 amounted 831,000lbs., Crompton 188,300lbs., Royton, 130,906lbs., Chadderton 27,000lbs.; total produced weekly in the parish 1,178,100lbs.

The aggregate amount of Cotton yarn produced annually in the parish when the factories are in operation full time amounts to upwards of 56,548,800lbs. In 1820 the number of power looms in the parish did not exceed 200. for they were by no means common till about 1824. In 1836 the number of power looms in the parish was about 5500. and in 1846 they had increased to 10.632 of which number 7374 were in the township of Oldham The number of concerns in the parish which were engaged in both spinning and power loom weaving in 1846 was 44.

[203.] VALUE OF COTTON MILL PROPERTY.

The annual rateable value of the cotton factories in the township of Oldham in 1845 considered distinct from the value of the machinery &c was £23.361 the annual value of those in the out townships at the same period was £9260, and of the entire number in the parish was £32.621 The annual rateable value of all other descriptions of property than landed property and dwelling houses in the township of Oldham in 1841 was £36,778—in the

out-townships £14,314, total in the parish £51,092. According to the returns of Property assessed to the property and income tax in 1843 the annual value of the coal mines in the township of Oldham was £15,741, in the out-townships £4,688—total in the parish £20,429. The annual value of the landed property in the township of Oldham in 1841 was £7,257, dwelling houses £63,465, total value of property £107,500. The annual value of the landed property in the out-townships in 1841 was £11,324, Dwelling houses £17,539, total value of property £43,195. The annual value of all the lands, buildings, &c., in the township of Oldham assessed to the county rates in 1815 was £20,970, and in the parish £51,451. The amount of capital invested in machinery within the parish was estimated in 1846 at £500,000, and the aggregate capital employed in payment of wages at £720,000. The entire extent of buildings, machinery, and capital engaged in the cotton manufactories of the parish probably amounts to £1,400,000.

[204.] HANDLOOM WEAVING.

I have no means of arriving at a knowledge of the number of Hand Loom Weavers in the parish during the early stages of the cotton manufacture. In 1836 the number of Cotton hand loom weavers in the township of Oldham alone, was estimate at 250. In 1841 the entire number of cotton hand loom weavers in the parish amounted to about 800—and they were chiefly engaged in the weaving of fancy cottons. The weaving of silks on the hand loom pravails to a considerable extent in Chadderton, and to a small amount in Royton. The number of silk weavers in Chadderton (all hand loom) in 1841 was 926. The entire number of cotton hand loom weavers in the parish in 1846 was estimated at 600 chiefly of fancy cottons. The total number of power loom weavers at the same period was 4,500. The wages of hand loom weavers of fancy cotton will not average more than 7s. per week.

[205.] MACHINE MAKING.

In 1775 the number of machine making concerns was 2; in 1815, 5; in 1825, 21; in 1831, 23; in

1846, 38. These numbers are inclusive of roller and spindle making, turning, millwright, and boiler making, and Iron & Brass founding concerns. In 1825 the roller and spindle making works were 5, and the Iron & other foundries 10. In 1846 there were only 2 principal roller making works but this business was also carried on at several of the machine making concerns. In 1846 the number of iron foundries which were exclusively such was 7, but Iron founding is extensively carried on at several of the Machine making establishments. In 1831 the number of Steam Engines engaged in Machine making and Iron founding in Oldham township was 6, of the aggregate power of 77 horses. In 1846 the number of steam engines engaged in similar concerns in the township was 18, of the aggregate power of 273 horses, of which 16 were in machine making of the power of 256 horses. In 1831 the number of operatives engaged in these branches in Oldham was 600 in 1841 1500: and in 1846 2513: of which number 150 were exclusively Iron founders and about 400 were roller makers. In these various concerns 360 tons of Iron and other descriptions of metal are used weekly. The annual rateable value of these several Establishments in 1845 was £2503 of which the annual value of such buildings as were exclusively Iron foundries was £164. Of the 38 Machine making concerns existing in 1846 four of them alone employed 1793 hands. The conditions of the operative Machine makers Iron founders and similar workmen is equal to that of the best class of factory operatives.

[206.] HAT MANUFACTURE.

In 1765 the number of hat manufacturing concerns appears to have been 2. In 1796—6: In 1815—9: In 1822—24: In 1825—25: In 1834—20: In 1846—18: these estimates are inclusive of retail manufacturers and dealers. The number of hat manufactories engaged in the wholesale trade in 1837 was 9: In 1846—8: In 1831 there was not a single Steam Engine engaged in the hat manufacture of Oldham, although there was then a small

one of 12 horse power applied to the purposes of fur cutting. In 1846 there were 2 Steam Engines and 12 Boilers engaged in this trade in Oldham township—the power of the Engines was equal to 23 horses and of the Boilers to 167. The hat manufacture is of great antiquity here

In 1700 the woollen and hatting trades of the district are estimated to have employed 300 persons In 1776 this class of operatives numbered about 600 and in 1836 2500. In 1846 owing to a most severe depression occurring which still affects the business not more than 1340 hands were employed In 1822 is was estimated that 1000 dozens of hats were manufactured in the town and its vicinity weekly; in 1833, 2000 dozens weekly; and in 1846, 882 dozens weekly of this latter number upwards of 300 dozens are silk hats The annual rateable value of the hat manufactories in the townships in 1845 was £970. This manufacture has been subject to extreme fluctuations and frequently recurring disputes betwixt the employers and the employed The facility with which silk hats are manufactured with comparatively little expense and labour has considerably injured the felt hat trade In 1836 the average weekly wages of the different classes of these operatives when in full work was about £1. In 1842 17s. Of the 1340 hands employed in 1846 three concerns alone employed 765.

(Continued.)

Saturday, October 27th, 1888.

NOTES.

Extracts from E. Butterworth's MSS. continued.

[207.] COLLIERIES

Although collieries and coalpits may change less in their proprietary connexions, they are equally changeable, if not more so, in their preiods of existence with manufacturing and other descriptions of speculative concerns. It is on this account

difficult to arrive at any accurate knowledge of the precise number of coalmining concerns at any particular period. Generally speaking, the number of collieries, as well as of coalpits, have been on the increase, but at a recent period the number of collieries has decreased as compared with former periods, whilst the number of coalpits has been on the increase. The following statements must be regarded as approximate estimates rather than strictly accurate returns :—The number of collieries in the parish in 1791 was 14; in 1807, 14; in 1813, 25; in 1819, 30; in 1831, 37; in 1838, 42; in 1846, 38. The number of coalpits within the same limits in 1813 was about 32; in 1819, 38; in 1831, 46; in 1838, 55; in 1846, 62. The number of steam engines engaged in the mining operations of the parish in 1825 was about 30; in 1831, 38, of the aggregate power of 628 horses; and in 1846, 57, of the aggregate power of 879 horses. The engine buildings of two of the principal collieries, the Albert Colliery, Hollins (Messrs. William Jones and Co.), and the Buckley Wood Colliery, Chadderton (Messrs. Evans, Barker, and Co.) form neat examples of improved taste. The number of hands employed in coal mining in the parish in 1776 was estimated at 400, and in 1831 the number of adult males thus employed in the parish was 800. The number of males of twenty years of age thus employed in Oldham township alone in 1841 was 808, of males under twenty years of age 346, and of females 3. The total hands engaged in coalmining, men as well as boys, in the parish in 1846 was at least 1,300. The district is mainly indebted for its manufacturing greatness to the vast extent and extreme richness of its mineral resources. It is computed that the coalmines in the parish yield nearly 600,000 tons of coal annually, of which about 300,000 tons are supplied to Manchester alone by railway, canal, and road conveyances. The amount of coal annually consumed in the parish itself is upwards of 260,000 tons, of which 139,392 tons are engrossed by the cotton mills alone, 55,584 tons by the colliery engines, 48,000

tons by the dwelling-houses, 14,544 tons by the machine making and iron foundry works and hat manufactories, and 2,592 tons by the bleaching, wadding, corn and logwood grinding concerns. The amount of the annual consumption of coal by the cotton mills, machine making, and foundry works and bleaching concerns of Bolton in 1845 was 123,681 tons.

The Chamber Collieries, Messrs. William Jones and Co., are estimated to yield nearly 150,000 tons of coal annually, and the Royton Collieries of Messrs. Evans, Barker, & Co., upwards of 100,000 tons annually.

The annual value of the coalmines in the township of Oldham assessed to the property and income tax in 1843 was £15,741; in the out-townships £4,688; total in the parish £20,429. The physical condition of the mining operatives has rather improved than otherwise of late years, and, notwithstanding the occurrence of several unfortunate disputes betwixt the employers and employed, the rate of wages is almost stationary. The earnings of adult miners when in full work will generally average £1 weekly.

[208.] MANUFACTURES AND MINES.

In 1825 the total number of steam engines engaged in the manufactures and mines of the parish was 96, horse power 2,061; in 1832, 139, horse power 2,890; in 1846, 241, horse power 5,741. The number in 1831 included a flax spinning mill, and the number in 1846 was inclusive of bleaching and wadding works. In 1776 the aggregate of operatives employed in the cotton, hatting, and coalmining trades in the parish was 5,000. In 1838 the total hands engaged in the cotton, machine making, hatting, and coalmining trades amounted to 20,766. In 1846 the total hands engaged in these employments was 26,426. The annual rateable value of the cotton factories in the township of Oldham in 1845, as assessed to the poor's rate, was £23,361; power loom sheds, £1,200; warehouses attached to cotton mills, £513; cotton waste warehouses, £332; collieries,

£3,254; machine making works, £2,339; iron foundries (exclusively such), £164; smiths' workshops, £78; hat manufactories, £970; dyeworks, £18; timber yards, £208; joiners' workshops, £17; sizing mill, £38; gas meter manufactory, £22; brickyards, £153. The annual value of the dwelling-houses in the township in 1841 was £63,465; of the house property, £7,257. See article value of cotton mill property.

The amount of cotton yarn produced annually when the mills are in full work is upwards of 56,548,800lbs.; the number of power looms in 1846 was 10,632. The quantity of iron and other metal used weekly in the machine works and foundries is 360 tons. The number of dozens of hats manufactured weekly in 1846 was 882. The quantity of coal obtained annually from the mines is nearly 600,000 tons.

[209.] MISCELLANEOUS TRADES.

There are several businesses prevalent in the town which, though far inferior to the principal manufactures, are by no means inconsiderable. In 1841 the number of cotton waste dealers was 27; but in 1845 they had increased to 36. The following were the proportions of the principal miscellaneous employments in 1831 and 1841:—

	1831.	1841.
Blacksmiths	91	190
Bobbinmakers and woodturners	—	19
Basketmakers	8	13
Beersellers	49	59
Boilermakers	—	10
Booksellers	7	9
Boot and shoemakers	154	250
Brickmakers	56	39
Bricklayers	46	68
Butchers	51	105
Carpenters and Joiners	123	200
Carters	180	299
Chemists and Druggists	10	21
Clerks, Bookkeepers, &c.	130	214
Drapers	38	54
Dressmakers	—	183

Dyers	9	.....	14
Engine (steam) workers	—	....	162
Greengrocers	12	....	33
Grocers	—	....	98
Ironmongers	10	....	16
Masons (stone)	57	....	95
Millwrights	25	....	29
Painters, Plumbers, and Glaziers	50	....	80
Patten and Clogmakers	27	....	49
Pawnbrokers	4	....	10
Pipemakers	—	....	17
Printers (letterpress)	7	....	15
Publicans	98	....	115
Roller coverers	—	....	80
Rope and cord spinners	15	....	36
Reedmakers	—	....	11
Sawyers	—	....	65
Schoolmasters, &c	—	....	82
Servants (house)	500	....	858
Shopkeepers	175	....	240
Slaters	9	....	22
Surgeons	10	....	17
Tailors	90	....	177
Tinplate workers	24	....	45
Wheelwrights	11	....	31

According to the population returns of 1801, the number of individuals in the township of Oldham chiefly employed in trade was 5,906, and in the parish 12,097; solely employed in agriculture in the township 42, in the parish 122.

In 1841 the total number of individuals in the township employed in trade was 17,068, in professional pursuits 1,363, in agriculture 296, persons of independent means about 300. The number employed in trade in the parish at the same period was 30,468, professional pursuits 1,800, agriculture 660. Some of the population returns have been rendered erroneous by the varied manner in which the questions were construed by the parties taking the census. For instance, the enumerators have at one period given the number of farmers' families only as those engaged in agriculture, and at other periods

they have included the agricultural labourers' families. The number of families engaged in trade in the township of Oldham in 1821 was 4,008, in the parish 6,667; families engaged in agriculture in the township 145, in the parish 215. In 1831 the families in the township engaged in trade were 5,333, in the parish 8,316; families engaged in agriculture in the township 127, in the parish 261. In 1841 the number of males in the township upwards of 20 years of age who were not in trade was 479, the number of paupers and beggars 163, and the residue of the population 22,954.

Saturday, November 3rd, 1888.

NOTES.

[210.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Burialls 1654

Aprill

Elizabeth wife of James Brearley alias Luck buried the 9th of Aprill

A Child of Samuell hale

Jsaake Sonne of James Pares buried the 14th of Aprill

John Sonne of John woolfenden de hodge clough buried ye 21 Aprill

May

Margret wife of Richard whittaker de Copster hill buried the 3th of May

Miles Schoffeild buried the 4th day of May 1654

A Child of Richard Leese of Greenakers more buried

Thomas Sonne of John Pollet buried the 19th of May

Thomas Hopwood alias Lookup buried the 7th of May

A Child of Anne Buckley of reese Croft buried 19th of May

John Newton under the Edge buried the 22th Day of May

Arthur Brearley of the Parish of Assheton buried

22th of may

Joane wife of Raphe Ogden of Greenakers buried 25th May

A child of James Kershaw buried 25th of May

A Child of Geruis winterbothome buried the 28th Day

The wife of John Smethurst and a child buried the 29 h Day of May 1654

June

The wife of Robt Thorpe of hathershaw buried the 2th of June

A Child of Edmund Goddard of Alt buried the 6th Day

Sara Doughter of John Smethurst buried the 14th Day

John wild Swash buried the the 15th Day

Mary Doughter of John wild alias Delfe buried the 15th Day

John Bayne buried the 25th day of July

July

Miles Greaue of Crompton buried the 11th of July

The wife of John Buckley of Reez Croft in Crompton buried the 11th day of July

Richard Elis buried the 12th of July

Anne Doughter of John Saxon buried the 19th day.

John Scholes Leun bent buried the 23rd Day.

A Child of John Leese of Crossbanke buried 31 Day.

James the Sonne of James Shaw of Crompton buried 31 day.

August

Anne wife of John Schoffeild of whittfeild buried the 3d Day of August

A Child of John Bromeley buried the 5th of August

A Child of John Leese of Crossbanke buried 31 July

James Shaw younger of Shaw Chappell buried 31 July

A Child of Abraham Leese of Broadbent buried 6th of Aug.

Mary wife of Richard Cropp buried the 12th of August

Raphe Potter buried the 23th of August

Septr

James Sonne of James wolsnam buried 4th Day of Sepp

Jsaake Sonne of Abraham Taylor buried 7th of Sepp

Sonne of Edmund Kershaw buried th 9th of Seppt

A Child of John Butterworth of Crompton buried the 9th Day.

Anne Doughter of Edmund Taylor buried the 16th day.

A Child of Thomas Lecse of Ashton Parish buried 20th day.

Alis Platt of Sadleworth buried the 23 day of Septembr

A Child of Robt Wild of Sadleworth buried the 24th

George Sonne of Edmund Taylor buried the 27th day

October 1654

Pecter Seuelf buried the 2th Day of October

wife of wild of Crompton buried the 19th of September

Jane wife of willm Richardson of Ryton buried the 30th of October

Nouember

Sarah wife of Robt Hardie of this Toum buried 5th day

John Haynethorne of high Crompton buried the 11 day

* John Haynethorne of High Crompton buried the 11th day of Nouember.

Elizabeth wife of Raphe Brearley of Barashaw Buried the 23d day of Nouember

ffrancis Cudworth of Werneth Buried the 21th Day of Nouember

Alis wife of Edmund Hoppwood of Cronks leach buried the 21th of Nouember

* So in the Registers.

December 1654

Robt streete of Leese lane buried the 3d day.

A Bastard Child of John whytheads buried the 3d day

Edmund Platt of Sadleworth buried the 7th day.

Jesabell wife of Edmund Ogden of Coleshaw Greene buried the 8th day

George Sonne of George Buckley of whittfeild buried the 12th of December

Issaker Sonne of Robert Thorpe of hathershaw buried the fourteenth day of December

January 1654

James Sonne of Abraham wild of Shaw chappell buried the 8th day

Grace wife of Samuell Breareley of Crompton buried the 15th day

Susanna wife of John Jackson of fogg lane buried the 14th day

Anne Doughter of James Hall of foxdenton buried the 25th day

John whythead of Hollinwood buried the 24th day

ffebruary 1654

Margret wife of John Leese of Osterlands within Sadleworth buried the 12th day

Anne wife of Ralph mathew within Crompton buried the 14th day

Edward Cocker of Mosse yatt within Cromton buried the 21st day

Elizabeth wife of John Mellor of Ryton buried the 26th day

March 1654

Helen wife of George Platt buried the 13th day

James Sonne of Richard Hoppwood of Horshedge buried the 16th day

John Sonne of Lawrance Buckley of Crompton buried the 21 day

A Child of Joseph Hill of Ryton buried the 23th day

A Child of Samuell Hallowes of whytfeild buried ye 27th day

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Saturday, November 10th, 1888

NOTES.

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[212.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptisms 1655.

March

Alice Doughter of Robt Thorpe of Burnley lane baptisd the 24th Day March

Aprill

James Bastard Sonne of Samuell Hale of hollinwood baptisd 1 day of Aprill 1655

Alis Doughter of James Thorpe of Ryton borne the 4th of Aprill

John Sonne of James Whittaker of Thelemore borne the 7th of Aprill baptised the 8th day

Grace Doughter of Abraham Taylor of Hollin-

wood baptisd 8th of Aprill

Mary Doughter of Robt streete of Alt in the Parish of Assheton borne the 3d day baptisd the 15th day

Mary Doughter of Joseph widdsall borne the 5th baptisd the 22th

Samuell Sonne of John Roads borne the 28th day

May

John Sonne of James Kenion of Glodwick borne the 26th day baptisd the 6th of May

Richard Bastard Sonne of Abraham Brearley of Chaderton baptisd the 6th of May

James Sonne of Richard Leese of Greeneakers borne the 10th of May baptisd the 13th day

Mary Bastard Doughter of Edmund Buckley of Chamber yate baptisd 20th day

Daniell bastard Sone of Martha Dunkerley by John Assheton borne the 9th day baptised the 27th day

Martha Doughter of John Chaderton of hollenwood borne the 24th day

Anna Doughter of Samuell Garside of fauleach, borne 24th baptisd 27th

Samuell Sonne of John Roads of Ryley borne the 28th of Aprill baptised 28 May

Anna Doughter of John Taylor of Lanehead in Assheton Parish borne the 27th May baptisd the 10th June

Hannah Doughter of Willm Bane of Horshedge borne the 1th day of June baptisd the 10th Day

Daniell Sonne of Richard flecher of Broadelane borne the 21st of May baptisd the 10th of June

Jane Doughter of Joseph Millnes of Higgenshaw yate borne the 18th Day of June Baptisd the 24th

Martha Doughter of Edmund Wild of Northmore borne the 20th Day Baptisd the 27th

June

Anne Doughter of John Ogden of Humphrey lane borne the 27th baptisd

July

John Sonne of Rodger Meall of Leese in Assheton Parish borne 23th day baptisd 1 July

James Sonne of Simeon Whytheade of Hollen-

wood borne the 25th baptisd 1 July

George Sonne of George Scholes of Chaderton borne the 2th of July baptisd

John Sonne of George Travis of Mosson borne the 7th of July baptised the 15th of the same

Elizabeth Doughter of Robt Sheppley of Ryton borne the 13th of July Baptisd the 15th of the same

James Sonne of James Leese of Greenekers more borne the 15th of July baptisd the 22th of the same

Mary Doughter of James Wolsenam of Thelmore borne the 18th of July baptisd the 25th of the same

John Sonne of Edward Couper, of ffoxdenton borne the 21th of July baptisd the 29th of the same

George Sonne of Joshua Hale of Barrashaw Hall borne the 27th of July Baptis the 29th Day

August

John Sonne of Joseph Tweedale of Sadleworth borne the 5th day of August baptisd the 12th of the same

Samuell Sonne of John Knott of Humphrey lane borne the 6th day of August baptisd the 12th of the same

James Sonne of John Ogden of Greenakers borne the 18th of August baptised the 19th of the same

Mary Doughter of John Leese of Assheton Parish borne the 20th of August baptised the 26th day of the Same

Thomas Sonne of Thomas Hibbert of this Toune borne the 13th Day of August baptisd the 26th of the Same

Alis Doughter not Legittemat of Michaell Morehouse wthin Ryton borne the 28th July baptised the 10th of August

Johnathan Sonne of Richard Whittaker of Lime borne the 23th of August baptisd the 2th Day of Septembr

Anne Doughter of Joseph Heape of Stampestone borne the 30th Day of August baptisd the 2th of Septembr

September

Alis Doughter of Abraham Scholes of Chamber yate borne the 2th of September baptisd the 9th of the Same

Sara Doughter of Richard Pillkington of ffogg lane baptisd the 16th Day

Anne Bastard of Anne Wright baptisd the 16th Day

Sara Doughter of John Taylor of Newearth borne the 16th of September baptised the 23th Day

Alis Doughter of Nicholas Whythead borne the 21th Day of Septembr baptisd the 26th of the Same

John Sonne of Thomas Jackson of this Toune borne the 16th baptisd the 26th of the Same

John Sonne of James Neild of Hollenwood borne the 26th of September, baptised the 30th of the Same

Ester Doughter of George Andrew borne the 20th Day baptisd the 30th

James Sonne of George Wolsencroft borne the 28th of July baptisd the 30th of September

William Sonne of James Leese of this Toune borne the 28th of September baptised the 7th of October

October

Susanna Doughter of Edmund Kershaw of Hopkinfould borne the 2 Day of October baptisd the 7th of the Same

Sara Doughter of Richard Cropper of this Toune borne the 3th of October baptised the 7th of the Same

Sarah Doughter of John Ogden of borne the 14th Day baptisd 21th

John Sonne of Abraham Leese of Broadebent borne the 21th baptisd 28th

Martha Doughter of John Sandeforth of Tinker-lane borne the 28th of October baptisd the 4th of Nouembr

James Sonne of Robt Wild of Austerlands borne the 28th of October baptisd 4th Day of Nouembr

Abraham Sonne of Abraham Ogden of Coleshaw Greene borne the 30th of October baptisd the 4th

day of Nouembr

James Sonne of John Coup of Broadelane borne the 9th of Nouembr baptisd the 11th of the same

Anna Doughter of John Hardie of this toune borne the 10th day Martha Doughter of Abraham Shaw of Assheton Parish borne the 11th Day Martha Doughter of Colly, borne the 19th day baptisd And Joseph Sonne of James Jackson of Hollinwood borne the 12th baptisd	25th Nouember

(Continued.)

Saturday, November 17th, 1888

NOTES.

[213.] COMMISSION ON THE VALUE OF BENEFICES, 1808.

A We copy the following from the Raines' MSS.:—

On the 28th June, 1808, the House of Lords addressed the King to command that an account be prepared and certified to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty of the clear improved yearly value of every benefice with cure of souls in England and Wales. In obedience to this the Archbishop of York issued his directions to Majendie, Bishop of Chester, who, on the 7th of October, 1808, issued a commission (now among the vicar's papers) directed to the Rev. Thomas Drake, D.D., vicar of Rochdale, the Rev. Thomas Foxley, rector of Radcliffe, and the Rev. Robert Walker, rector of Middleton. John Entwistle, of Foxholes, John Walmsley, of Castlemere, and Thomas Wood, of Rochdale, Esquires.

These commissioners were to inquire respecting

Shaw.	Lydiate.	Saddleworth.
Hundersfield.	Littleborough.	Todmordan.
Ashworth.	Dobcross.	Whitworth.
Friermere.	Milnrow.	

There were instructions sent to the commissioners, and 12 queries to be answered.

From Shaw, of which the Rev. Joseph Hordern was incumbent, or from Ashworth, of which Mr. Wm.

h Vol. xv., p. 202.

Horton was incumbent, as well as of Hundersfield, Littleboro', and Saddleworth, I find no return; but there are returns from Oldham, of which Mr. T. Fawcett was incumbent, and from Royton, of which Mr. Thomas Langhorn was minister.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Fawcett, Incumbent, of Oldham, to Mr. Lee, of Rochdale:—

Dear sir,—

It is my intention, God willing, to appear before the Commissioners at Rochdale on Wednesday next, and think it necessary previously to state to you the amount of the annual income I derive from the parochial chapel of Oldham and the sources from which it arises. I receive £30 from the Rector of Prestwich, payable out of the Glebe there. The estate in Crompton was purchased out of two bounties from Queen Anne about fifty years ago, and consists of about twelve acres, valued at £5 10s. per acre, to my tenant, Joshua Winterbottom, who has given up two fields, and now pays £33 for the remainder. One field is occupied by Paul Greenwood, of whom I have received £3 for the last year, and the other by Edward Milne, who agreed to give me £3 per load for every load sold out of it, but if he gets nothing for what the Commissioners of the road have taken, I, of course, cannot state it in my answers at this time. The remainder of my salary arises from the surplice fees, which are stated at £20 per annum in my property tax. I have no answer to give to any other of the queries, as I derive no other income from any other sources. I have desired my witnesses, as I thought necessary in this case, to look over the estate, and give in the valuation to the Commissioners, who am yours,

T. FAWCETT,

Oldham, Nov. 19, 1808

To Mr. John Lee,
Attorney at Law,
Rochdale.

ROYTON.

Queries to be enquired into respecting the Benefice

of Royton Chapel.

1.—Is there any official house belonging to your benefice? If so, state the clear annual value.

Ans.—There is a house erected *for the use* of a resident minister, valued at £6 per ann.

2.—What are the quantity and clear yearly value of the glebe lands?

3.—What are the nature and clear yearly value of tythes received, if any?

Ans.—None.

4.—Do you receive any composition or other payment for tythes, and to what amount?

Ans.—None.

5.—What is the clear average value of Easter offerings and surplice fees?

Ans.—£4.

6.—Do you receive any stipend, pension, or other certain payment? If so, mention the amount and by whom paid.

Ans.—By the seats of the chapel, paid by the occupiers, £20.

7.—Have any sums been allotted from Queen Anne's Bounty to your benefice and not yet laid out? If so, specify the amount and the interest received for the same.

Ans.—None.

8.—If your benefice has been augmented by Queen Anne's Bounty state the same.

Ans.—It has.

9.—What is the annual rent of lands, &c., belonging to your benefice purchased by Queen Anne's Bounty, and also with benefactions in conjunction with such bounty? Specify the situation, extent, and occupier of such farm.

Ans.—The Chapel of Royton has been augmented by 2 lots from Queen Anne's Bounty, to the first of which the inhabitants, &c., advanced £200, and purchased 12 acres of land, house, &c., in Chadderton, which is set to James Mills for £29 the year. The other lot of £200 was laid out in the purchase of some fields in Shoulver, which contain about 4 acres. Tenants, Thomas Buckley,

rent £6 yearly; the other tenants, Wm. Clegg and Samuel Fletcher, rent £5.

10.—Is there any other certain annual profit or emolument belonging to your benefice? If so, state the nature and amount thereof.

Ans.—None.

11.—Is your benefice charged with any certain perpetual payment or deduction, such as firstfruits, tenths, pensions, procuration, synodals, &c.? If so, state the particular amount of each.

Ans.—Synodals, 2s. per annum.

12.—Is your benefice discharged from the payment of firstfruits and tenths, or from the nature of it? Has it ever been rated to the payment thereof?

THOS. LANGHORN, Minister.

[214.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptisms 1655

(*Continued.*)

Desember

Debora Doughter of James Roades of this Toune borne the 19th of Ncuember baptisd the 2th of Desember

John Sonne of James Leese of Greeneakers more borne the 2 Desember baptisd 9th of the same

John Sonne of Garuis Winterbothom borne the 12th Day
Edm Sonne of Edmund Mellor backe Edge borne the 12th Day
Mary Doughter of Edmund Leese of Leese in Assheton p ish borne 2th
} baptisd 16th Day

Susanna Doughter of Abraham Taylor of hobkin fould borne the baptisd the 23th Day of Desember

January

Luke Sonne of Moses Dunkerley borne the baptised 6th day

Mary Doughter of Lawrance Nuttal borne the 31th of Desembr
James Sonne of James Clayton borne the 16th of Desembr
John Sonne of Edmund Marlor borne the 30th of Desember
Richard Hopwood of Horshedge borne the 31 of Desember
} baptised 13th Day of Janury 1655

John Sonne of Abraham Ogden of Hollinwood borne the 13th of January
John Sonne of James Peres of Shener borne the 15th of January
Sara Doughter of Miles Meall of Leese borne the 16th of January
Martha Doughter of Robt Shaw of Coohill borne 17th of January
} baptisd 20th Day January 1655

Joshua Sonne of Robert Taylier borne the 21th of January baptisd the 3th of ffebruary

ffebruary

Samuell Sonne of Edmund Tayler of Harken steadyate borne 4th of february baptisd the 17th Day

John Sonne of James Thorpe of Coohill borne the 14th Day
Anne Doughter of Adam Ogden of Swine Clough borne the 14th of ffebruary baptisd
} baptisd 24th Day.

John Sonne of John Welfenden of Holinwood borne the 26th of february baptised the 2d Day of March

Mary Doughter of James Whittaker of Leese in the parish of Assheton borne the 25th of february baptisd 2th of March

Elizabeth Doughter of James Leese borne the 28th of february baptisd the 9th of March

John Sonne of Robert Brearley borne the 27th of february baptised the 9th of March

March 1655

John Sonne of Edm: Schoffeild borne the 10th of March baptised the 16th Day

Thomas Sonne of Samuell Collenson borne the 6th Day of March baptisd the 16th of the Same.

Edward Sonne of Samuel Hewood of Harkensteadyate borne the 16th of March baptisd 23th of the Same

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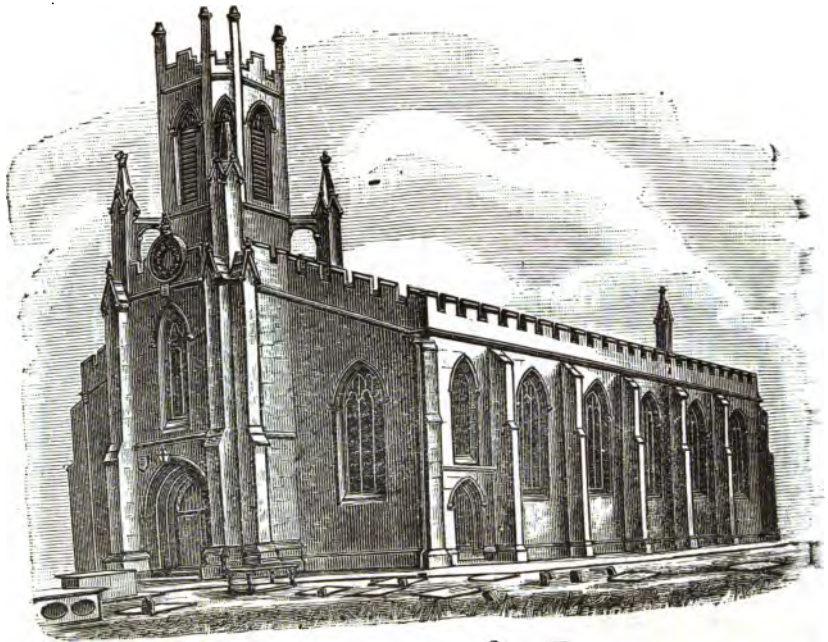

St. James's Church, Oldham.

Saturday, November 24th, 1888

NOTES.

[215.] ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.

The foundation stone of St. James's Church, off Huddersfield-road, Greenacres Moor, Oldham, was laid on the 3rd of September, 1827, by James Lees, Esq., J.P., of Higher Clarksfield. As regards age, it is the fourth church belonging to the Establishment in the town or municipal borough; St. Mary's (1406, rebuilt and opened 1830), St. Peter's (1768), and St. Margaret's, Hollinwood (1769), being older. The then chapels of Holy Trinity, Shaw (1515 and 1739, re-built 1871), St. Paul's, Royton (1757), and St. John the Baptist, Hey (1743), were the only other places of worship in connection with the Church of England in the district. Hope, or "Sam Lees'" Chapel, had been opened a few years before (1824) and a branch Sunday school under St. Peter's was held at Fernybank in a room just below the Old Soldier Inn, the stairs to which are still standing outside the building. This room had also been occupied by John Heap, John "Yep," as a day school some time before, but Heap having built a place of his own in what is now Heap-street, Greenacres-road, he had removed thither. Mumps, Lowermoor, Hill, Lower Hill, and Acre Town were then separate villages or hamlets. Millbottom was an out-of-the-way place, and Moorside known only as the hamlet of Frenches or "Fronchuses." On the "old" or Greenacres-road, the "new" or Huddersfield-road, the Halifax, now Ripponden-road, with its old guidepost and milestone, were but a few isolated houses, and quiet farmsteads. Samuel Lees had started his forge at Soho, formerly a date on one of the chimneys 1816, and was living in a lonely stuccoed white house, with balcony and gardens overlooking the former road, and Ab-o-Billy's, Abel Buckley, had just ceased welding iron on his tuneful anvil in a smith's shop that stood near where the Greenacres Co-operative Store now caters for the mental and bodily

wants of an intelligent people. Hibbert and Tomlinson, ironfounders, and Hibbert and Platt—names abundant with local influence and history—carding-engine makers, had just laid the foundation of their extensive and world-famed works, and the neighbourhood of Lowermoor, Acre Town, Foul-leach, Soho, and Mount Pleasant were getting inhabited by a mixed population of ironworkers, coalminers, and pale-faced toilers in unsanitary and candle-lighted cotton mills, mills in which there were almost as many masters as workpeople. Else there was little north, south, and east in the neighbourhood, if we except Lowerhouse, standing in its own grounds down from the road, left; and, beyond, the fine brick mansion of Pit Bank, or "Bunk," where Mr. Mashiter welcomed the rushcarters yearly with plenty of ale and cheer, and where a few years later Jesse Ainsworth, Esq., held chapel, and instructed his colliers in the rudiments of natural science and theology. Then came Dirtcar House, "a venerable and substantial dwelling," close by where Mr. James Greaves had built a cotton mill, having some time before left his home and first mill at Thorpe, on the old Roman road which passes over Highmoor; and a cluster of cottages around the end of Littlemoor-lane. All around beside was open field or meadow, where the sweet-scented hawthorn blossomed and the purest of crystal streamlets meandered; where the hare had full scope and the badger gave chase for the hound and the huntsman. It is said that in 1811 there was not a house on the right hand side of Huddersfield-road between the Globe Inn and Millbottom, and the coach road from the beginning of Ripponden-road to Nimble Nook had not long been open. At Top-o'th'-Moor were a few scattered cottages, and a Sunday school which stood on what is now a part of Greenacres Cemetery. Just below was the ancient village of Greenacres, with its old chapel and religious memories. The country around St. James's was indeed so open that scores of people witnessed the foundation

stone laying from the yard of the old or Parish Church. The neighbourhood is now one mass of workshops, cotton factories, and houses; and the fine building is so smutted and black with the carbon from a thousand chimneys as to give it a look of hoary antiquity. The design was by Sir Charles Barry. Sir Charles had visited Egypt, Rome, Greece, and other places, and acquired much architectural knowledge. Among other buildings of which he was the architect may be mentioned the Manchester Athenæum, the fine and elaborate King Edward's Grammar School, Birmingham; several of the London club houses, and the present Houses of Parliament. The latter were opened by the Queen, on which occasion her Majesty knighted him. The street running along the east of the church is named after him. The style is perpendicular Gothic, and embatled. The building is five windows long, each window having three lights. At the west end is a massive tower, surmounted by a lantern containing one bell, the entrance door being of noble proportions. It has three aisles, the middle one being 10 feet 6 inches broad, and terminating in an open apse, which now forms the choir and chancel; a north, south, and west gallery, supported on plain stone pillars, and has, or had, seats for a congregation of 1,800, 900 of which were to be free. The free seats or forms which passed along the middle aisle have, however, been removed. The burial ground is spacious, and is encompassed by a good stone wall, with entrance gates on the east and west. The beautiful design and fine appearance and outline of the church, as it was originally left, has been spoiled by several late additions which completely nullify the effect, and make a discrepancy of what was at first purely classical. The cost, which is given variously from £10,000 to £15,000, was raised by public subscription and grants from what is known as the "Million Act," an act passed in 1818, when one million of money was voted by Parliament for the building and aiding to build churches, commissioners being

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appointed to see the money wisely spent for this object. A considerable sum of this money came to St. James's through the then Rector of Prestwich, the Rev. James Lyons (1783 to 1836). The church was two years in building, Dr. John Bird Sumner, Bishop of Chester, consecrating it on the 19th September, 1829. Unfortunately, the gentleman who had laid the foundation stone could not take part in the interesting ceremony, having gone to his long rest in June the year before. The living, valued at £400 a year, is a Blandford vicarage—Act 19 and 20 Victoria, chap. 104, 1856—in the gift of the Rector of Prestwich, as are also those of St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Margaret, Hollinwood; Holy Trinity, Shaw; and St. Paul, Royton. It was first made an ecclesiastical parish in 1835, and included most of the villages and hamlets mentioned above. Latterly portions have been taken away to form the newer parishes of St. Stephen, Lowermoor; Christ Church, Glodwick; Holy Trinity, Waterhead; and St. Thomas, Moorside. It is in the archdeaconry of Manchester and rural deanery of Oldham, of which the Vicar of Leesfield, the Rev. Canon Lloyd, is rural dean. The first incumbent was the Rev. William Fullarton Walker, M.A., of Brazennose College, Oxford. He was born at Edinburgh in the year 1802, in the house now, or lately, the Albert Hotel, off Princess street. Mr. Walker was intended for a writer of the signet, or advocate, and had served his time within one year when he made up his mind to change his studies from the civil to that of the more spiritual law. Theology took stronger hold of him than jurisprudence, and he chose to declaim from the pulpit rather than plead at the bar. The firm to which he was engaged, on hearing of his resolve, offered him a thousand pounds to remain with them, and to make him partner at the expiration of his term if he would do so. His love for the Church had, however, become too strong, preferring a poor curacy of twelve shillings a week to the inducements which a lucrative profession could offer.

His first curacy was at Warrington. During Mr. Walker's incumbency Sunday schools were built of one storey high, eight windows long, 1830; and in 1837 another storey was added. His residence was at Dirtcar Cottage, a semi-detached house with garden, situated on the left-hand side of what is now Derker-street, his neighbour being Mr. John Hague, whose daughter Mr. Walker married. This pleasant retreat has, like too many old English homes, had to give way to the inevitable, one of Hilton Greaves, Esq.'s, mills, Uncle Tom's Cabin occupying its place. He was a most amiable man, and well beloved; and no pleasanter a sight could be imagined, nor one which showed the full catholicity of his spirit, than to see him often arm in arm with the Rev. R. M. Davies, the minister of Hope Congregational Chapel. And this is as it should be. If religious people cannot agree to differ, and rejoice in that they are all helping onward the great millennium of man's universal brotherhood, how can they expect the ever wary, irreligious world to have faith in them or their teachings? One may be of Paul, and another of Apollos, but what does it matter so long as the aim and end are one. Those things which are essentially and radically wrong will sooner or later be set right by the sound common sense of the people, and to be ever wrangling and contentious about "who is who" is neither politic nor nice. After a successful ministry of nearly 28 years, he died the 31st of August, 1857, and was buried in the ground on the north side of the church. His grave is surrounded by palisadings, but there is—

> Nor scroll nor name to say who here
> Awaits the glorious resurrection morn.

There is a tablet, however, placed on the south inside wall of the church to his memory, which very truly gives the good and well-known man's character and virtues:—

"Erected by subscription to the memory of the Rev. William Fullarton Walker, M.A., for 28 years incumbent of this church, who died August 31st, 1857, aged 55. He was a faithful man and earnest

friend, untiring in duty, evangelical in doctrine, amiable in temper, catholic in spirit, zealous for the young, benevolent to the poor, reproachless in life, fearless in death. He rests from his labours, his works do follow him."

(*Continued.*)

Saturday, December 1st, 1888.

NOTES.

[216.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Marriages 1655.

The agreemt and Purpasse of Mariage betweene John Thorpe wthin the Parish of Ouldham of the one Partye aud Mary Woolfenden Doughter of George Wolfenden wthin Chaderton and in the Parish of Ouldham Spinser of the other partye and aboue the Age of one and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exersise Accordinge to the late act of Parliamt lately made vizt one the 11th of March and one the 18th of March and one the 25th of March 1654 and the Saide Parties weare maried at Manchester by Edward holbrooke Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this county of Lancaster the 26th of March 1655 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

wittnesse

George Wollfenden
of Chaderton—husbandman
James Leese of Leese wthin
the parish of Assheton webster

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene John Butterworth Sonne of John Butterworth wthin Crompton Husbandman Deceased wthin the Parish of Ouldham of the one partye and Mary Kershaw of Ladithouse Doughter of Abraham

Kershaw Deceased wthin the Parish of rachdale of the other partye and aboute the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide Partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the late act of Parliamt latelye made vizt one the 18th Day of March 1654 and one the 25th and one the first Day of April 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage and the Parties abouenamed weare Maried at Hopwood by Edm: Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of the peace for this County of Lancaster the 3d of Aprill 1655 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name EDM: HOPWOOD

The Agreemtt and purpasse of Mariage betweene John Ogden of Hollins wthin the Tounshipp of Ouldham Chappaman Widdower of the one Partye and Sarah Brearley Widdow of the Same of the other partye both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Said Partyes in Writing first Deliuered vnto mee published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exersise accordinge to the late Act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 15th of Aprill and one the 22th of Aprill and one the 29th of Aprill 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage. And the aboue named persons weare Maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 1th Day of May 1655 Ja Teastemony whereof hee Hath Subscribed His name

EDM: HOPWOOD

wittnesse

Edward Ogden

Thomas Leese De Asheton pish

The agreemtt and purpasse of Mariage betweene James Newton wthin Ouldham Sonne of Edmund

Newton wthin Ouldham husbandman of the one partye and Elizabeth Shaw of the Same spinser both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham and aboute the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exercise according to the Late acte of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 25th March and one the 1th of Aprill and one the 8th of Aprill 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Sayd Jntended mariage and the aboue named persons weare maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 1th Day of May 1655 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

wittnesse

Samuell Knott, yeoman
James Leese, yeoman

The agreemts and Purpasse of Maringe betweene John Smethurst of Leese hale wthin Ouldham Husbandman Widdower of the one ptye and Alis Whittaker Doughter of John whittaker wthin Chadderton Spinsr of the other ptye both Jnhabitants wthin the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of one and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide pties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exersise Accordinge to the late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 15th of Aprill and one the 22th Day of Aprill and one the 29th of Aprill 1655 and none hath obiected against the Saide Jntended Mariage and the abouenamed persons weare maried at Manchester by Edward Holbrcock Esqr and one of the Justices of the peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 3d Day of May 1655 Jn Teastemony hearsof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

wittnesse

John Whittaker

William Scholes
Richard whittaker

The agreemtt and purpasse of Mariage betweene James Breareley of Greenakers more Colier Widdower of the one Partye and Jane Ridley, Widow both Jnhabitants wthin the Touneship and pish of Ouldham and aboue the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide pties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exersise accordinge to the Late acte of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 22th of Aprill & one the 29th of Aprill and one the 6th of May 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage and the abouenamed psons weare maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Esqr and one of the Justices of the peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 7th of may 1655 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

wittnesse
John Breareley husbandman
Abraham Leese webster

The agreemt and Purpasse of Mariage betweene John Taylor of Keuerloe wthin the Parish of Assheton vnder line husbandman of the one Partye and Anne Lort of Bertshaw wthin Crompton in the Parish of Ouldham Spinser of the other ptye both aboue the age of One and Twentye years was be mee and by Direction from the Saide ptyes in Writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published Three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the late acte of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 27th of May and one the 3d of June and one the 10th of June 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage and the Abouenamed psons weare maried at Man Chester ye 11th of June by Edward Holbroocke Esq one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster Jn Testemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his

name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

wittnesse

Miles Meall

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene John Leese of Austerlands wthin the parish of Sadleworth and Countye of Yorke Taylor of the one partye and Sara Marsland Doughter of John Marsland wthin the Parish of Ouldham Spinser of the other partye both aboute the Age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published 3 seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise accordinge to the late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 27th of May one the 3d of June and one the 10th of June 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage and the abouenamed persons weare maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster Jn Teastemony heareof hee hath Subscribed his name this 16th day of June 1655

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene James strenger Sonne of John Strenger of Hollewood Linen webster of the one partye and Mary Clayton Doughter of John Clayton wthin Chaderton spinser of the other partye both Jnhabitants wthin the parish of Ouldham and about the age of One and Twenty yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three seuerall Lords Days in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge exersise Accordinge to the Late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 10th of June and one the 17th June and one the 24th of June 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Said Jntended Mariage And the Abouenamed persons weare maried at Manchester by Edward Holbrooke Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster Jn Teastemony whereof hee

hath Subscribed his name this 25th Day of June

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE.

John Smith of ffaylsworth in the Parish of Manchester and Countye of Lancaster webster and Elizabeth Smith of Chaderton in the Parish of Ouldham weare Maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Esqr and One of the Justices of the peace for this Countye of Lancaster the second Day of July 1655 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Abraham Leese of the Parish of Sadleworth and County of York Yeoman and Jane Mellor Spinser Doughter of Thomas Mellor of Shouer wthin the Parish of ouldham was by mee and by Direction from the Saide parties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 10th of June and one the 17th Day of June and one the 24th Day of June and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage And the Abouenamed persons weare maried at hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 3d Day of July 1655 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Saturday, December 8th, 1888.

NOTES.

[217.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Marriages 1655

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene John Butterworth of Chadderton in the Parish of Ouldham of the one ptye and Alis Hoppwood spinser Doughter of James Hopwood of Ouldham of the other ptye was by mee and by Direction

from the Sd ptyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the late act of Parl. lately made 22 July 29 July 5th August & none hath obiected agaynst them

John Butterworth of Chaderton wthin the Parish of Ouldham and Countye of Lanc. Linin Webster of the one ptye and Alis Hoppwood Doughter of James Hopwood spinser weare maried at Manchester the 11th Day of August 1655 by Edward Holbroocke Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this County of Lancaster Wittnesse my hand

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

James Hopwood: father
Edward Smethurst: husbandman
henry doson: webster

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Robert Thorpe of Hathershaw within Ouldham Widdower yeoman of the one partye and Susanna Tettlow of the Same, spinser Doughter of John Tettlow both Jnhabitants within Ouldham was by mee and by Direction from the Saide parties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published three Seueral Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise. Accordinge to the Late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 29th of July and one the 5th of August and one the 12th of August 1655 and none hath Obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage. And the Abouenamed Persons weare Maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this County of Lancr as Wittnesse my Hand this 25th of August 1655

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

John Tettlow, brother
Marke Neild.

The agreemt and Purpasse of Mariage betweene Thomas Etherington Sometimes sojorner in the Parish of Assheton vnderline Mettleman of the one pte And Anne Neild spinser Doughter of James Neild of hollenwood wthin the Parish of Ouldham of the

other pte was by mee and by Direction from the Saide ptyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morning Exersise Accordinge to the late Act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 26th of August and one the 2d of Septembr and one the 9th of Septembr and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide intended mariage And the persons abouenamed weare Maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster Wittnesse heareof hee hath Subscribed his name this 15th of September 1655

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

Wittnesse

Thomas Etherington, father of Thomas
Robt Shaw
marke neild, register

The agreemt and Purpasse of Mariage betweene Raphe Trauis of Chamber wthin the parish of Ouldham Husbandman of the one partye and Elizabeth Winterbothom of Leese lane wthin the parish of Assheton vnderline widdow of the other parte both aboue the Age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 23rd of September and one the 30th of September and one the 7th of October 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide intended Mariage And the persons abouenamed weare Maried at Manchester the 17th of October by Edward Holbroocke Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster in Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

Wittnesse

John Trauis of faylsworth
John Bentley
John Saxon

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene John Heape Sonne of George Heape of Berchenboure within Chadderton in the Parish of Ouldham yeoman of the one partye and Mary Leese spinser Doughter of James Leese of Osterlands within the Parish of Sadleworth and Countye of York, yeoman, of the other partye Both aboute the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published 3 seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 30th of September and one the 7th of October and one the 14th of the Same 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage And the Persons aboue named weare maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Essqr and one of Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster The Twenty-therd of October 1655 Jn teastemony wherof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE.

George heape father of
John James Leese father
of Mary. George heape
of Droylsden Adam Wolfenden

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage between Geruis Bardsley of Newroad within the parish of Assheton vnder line Husbandman of the one ptye and Mary Ogden spinser Doughter of John Ogden of Nether hey within the Parish of Ouldham of the other partye both aboute the age of One and Twentye yeares was my mee and by Direction from the saide pties in Writing first Delinered vnto mee Published 3 Seuerall Lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late acte of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 2th of Desember and one the 9th of Desember and one the 16th of Desember 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide intended Mariage And the aboue named psons weare Maried at Manchester by Edward Holbroocke Essqr and one of the Justices of peace

for this Countye of Lancaster in Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name the 29th Day of Desember

EDWARD HOLBROOCKE

Wittnesse
John Pollett
Abraham Taylor
John Ogden brother

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage Betweepe Nathan Lomax of Glodwicke wthin the Parish of Ouldham husbandman of the one partye and Mary Boydale wthin the Parish of Leaghe spinser of the other partye both aboute the age of One and Twentye years was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in Writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published Three seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the late act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 16th of Desember one the 23th and one the 30th of Desember 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the saide intended Mariage and the Persons aboue named weare maried at Hopwood by Edm: Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 8th of January 1655 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse
John Pollett
John Ouldham

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene James Breareley of the parish of Ouldham Clothier of the one partye and Elizabeth Prescod wthin Rachdale spinser of the other Partye both aboute the age of one and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in Writinge first Deliuered vnto mee published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise accordinge to the Late Act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 6th of January and one the 13th of January and one the 20th of January 1655 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Intended Mariage And the abouenamed persons weare Maried at Hopwood by

Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 26th of January 1655 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Witnesse

John Breareley : John Hewood
Samuell Breareley : Abraham Taylor

The agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Thomas Collenson of Chadderton wthin Ouldham Parish of the one Partie and Sarah wright of Parke wthin the Parish of Assheton Vnderline Spinser of the other partie was Published at the Market Crosse at Rachdale in three Seuerall weekes betwixt the houres of Eleuen and Two. vizt one the 26th of January and one the 4th of ffebruary and one the 11th of february accordinge to act of Parliamt and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jtended Mariage as Wittnesse Raphe Webb. Parish Regester by the Apoyntmt of Marke Neild Parish Regester at Ouldham And the aboue named persons weare Maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster this 12th Day of ffebruary 1655 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM :HOPWOOD

G. SHAW.

COMMEMORATIVE TEA PARTY AT HEY.

On Thursday afternoon a tea party, in celebration of the fifty years' ministry of the Rev. George Decker Grundy, M.A., vicar of St. John the Baptist's Church, Hey, was held in the large room at the school, when upwards of 1,000 persons sat down to tea. In the evening a meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Samuel Andrew, who was supported on the platform by the Revs. Dr. Bardsley, Canon Green, J. Smith, G. F. Grundy, C. H. Grundy (two sons of the vicar), S. S. Adkins, J. B. Phillips, G. F. Ockford, J. G. French, D. Griffiths, F. W. Wareham, Messrs. A. Ogden, J. Davenport, J. L. Greaves, J. Wild, J. Platt, Joseph Travis (Oldham), J. E. Newton, and other friends. Just before the proceedings commenced the vicar stepped upon the platform,

and was received with repeated rounds of applause.

The CHAIRMAN said he supposed it was a thing that had never occurred in that neighbourhood before—that a clergyman had had the charge of one congregation for 50 years. It had not occurred more than once in the present century in a radius of seven or eight miles. Mr. Grundy would have been with them 50 years on Sunday. He really could not tell what was the special attraction between the ministers and the people, but he could tell what had not been a special attraction, and that was that it was not a fat living. That showed that their duties had not been performed from selfish motives. He could not tell what the special feature of Mr. Grundy's ministry was, and what was the secret of his success, except it was that Mr. Grundy, on all occasions, had striven to come into personal contact with every member of his congregation, especially the younger members. Mr. Grundy always began with the young. During the fifty years he had been amongst them many thousand boys and girls had passed through that school, and he did not think one had gone out into the world without having an impression on his mind of the influence and teaching of Mr. Grundy. He had always made his influence felt, whether in a Sunday or day school. He considered that during a portion of Mr. Grundy's ministry they had almost received a collegiate education. Thirty years ago Mr. Grundy established a class to teach Latin, and it was a brilliant success, three of the scholars having become clergymen.

Mr. N. BROADBENT read letters from the Bishop of Sodor and Man and other clergymen, including the Rev. P. Lancashire, of Oldham, expressing regret at not being able to be present, and also from some old friends in America.

Mr. J. CROWDER presented the Rev. G. D. Grundy with an illuminated address in the form of an album, which was beautifully embellished with gold.

Mr. J. E. NEWTON next presented the rev. gentleman with a purse containing £200, which he said had been subscribed without any solicitation.

Mr. JAMES DAVENPORT presented a cheque for £150 to the churchwardens to defray the cost of an illuminated address, and for putting a stained-glass commemorative window in the church. He thought it was only right they should raise some monument to

show their children's children the respect in which Mr. Grundy was held.

Mr. JOHN PLATT presented the rev. gentleman with a poem from the members of his Monday evening class. The poem was illuminated, and was mounted in an Oxford frame.

The Rev. Dr. BARDSLEY said he was in his 14th year when Mr. Grundy came to Hey. Mr. Grundy objected to teaching writing in the Sunday school; and he (Dr. Bardsley) was obliged to confess that he remained in the opposite camp for a month. It so happened that a short time after his parents required him to join the confirmation class carried on by Mr. Grundy, who always meant work. Although he was not confirmed at that particular confirmation, he had the privilege of teaching in a Sunday school in one of the rooms to which reference had been made, and that beginning was to him a very great blessing—the greatest blessing of his life.

The Rev. G. D. GRUNDY, in acknowledging the presentations, gave a *resumé* of the history of the parish during his 50 years' ministry. He narrated the condition in which he found what were then looked upon as schools, and traced the progress they had made up to the present time. He referred to the scene which took place in the churchyard between the churchwardens and the then curate when he first came to preach at Hey. The churchwardens said the curate should not preach any more, and the curate said he would, the result being that an unseemly squabble took place. The vicar, in a humorous strain, told how the church in winter time had to be lighted with candles, the sexton continually going round the chapel—for it was only a chapel of ease at that time—snuffing the candles with his fingers. He said in teaching the young he always took care that their education should be such as would benefit their souls; and render them competent to be teachers. He could not tell how it was, but scholars always flowed upon him for many years. He illustrated the strength of the discipline in the schools, which were in a very satisfactory state, and the teachers, he must say, were very attentive to their duties. The rev. gentleman next referred to the various schools which had been built in the district, which diminished the numbers attending his own, and concluded by expressing his

earnest thanks for the very kind presents they had given him, especially those beautiful lines from his evening class. (Applause.)

The Rev. G. F. GRUNDY and the Rev. C. H. GRUNDY also briefly addressed the meeting, and the CHAIRMAN, on behalf of the churchwardens, having acknowledged the receipt of the cheque, the proceedings were concluded with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

Saturday, December 15th, 1888

NOTES.

[218.] ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.

(Continued.)

Before proceeding with our notes on St. James's, we wish to correct an error in our last paper, which arose through a misunderstanding, causing us to visit the wrong tomb. We are glad to say that a stone *is* placed over the remains of the Rev. W. F. Walker by the hands of those he loved, and that his last resting place may be known by the inscription thereon:—"Here are interred the remains of the Rev. William Fullerton Walker, M.A., of Dirtcar Cottage, incumbent of St. James's, Greenacres Moor, for the space of 27 years and 11 months, who departed this life on the 31st day of August, 1857, aged 55 years." And on the same stone is;—"Also Mary Ann, his widow, who departed this life on the 15th day of November, 1864, aged 61 years." What epitaph so suitable as the advice he always gave to his teachers and flock in words conveying the noblest sentiment:—If they (the other sects) hold Christ the head, take them by the hand and call them brethren, for

A rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.

We may here say that his Sunday school was at first supplied by teachers from the school at Top-o'th'-Moor, and was held in the vestry of the church. The teachers and scholars from Top-o'th'-Moor used to go to Hey and St. James's, proceeding

to the latter place down Greenacres-road and along Forge-street.

The first baptism was Harriet, daughter of James and Mary Ann Brown, of Greenacres Moor, July 26th, 1830; the first burial Betty Radcliffe, Lower House, Greenacres Moor, March 20th, 1830, aged 21 years; and the first marriage that of John Schofield, widower, cotton spinner, Ferny Bank, to Mary Lees, widow, Mount Pleasant, 15th March, 1838. Up to 1835, when St. James's was made an ecclesiastical district or parish, marriages had to be solemnised either at St. Mary's or the Parish Church of Prestwich. Jonathan Hague, we think, was the first warden.

Singing was one of the elements of worship at St. James's from its foundation. It was so, indeed, at most of the neighbouring churches. St. Mary's, St. Peter's, and St. John's, Hey, were noted for their excellent choral services. We remember some good sings at the latter place, when the violoncello, the violin, the trumpet ("and the trumpet shall sound;" aye, lad, that trumpet is sounding yet, it has sounded ever since, and is still one of our earliest reminiscences), the bassoon, the kettledrum, and other musical instruments were played, in addition to the organ. James Taylor, Charles Smith, "Jinks," the Stotts, Samuel Mellor, the Winterbottoms, the Lawtons, and little Tummy Turner, with many others, were in their zenith. On occasions old Wrigley would take off his coat when the weather was hot, call out from one of the side galleries at Hey Chapel to the choir for "Th' owd hundert and fort," which was generally sung to the words of the 149th Psalm. Hymn books were not so common as they are now, and what there were were of very modest dimensions. The Psalms were printed at the ends of the fusty prayer books, f's for s's. When hymn books were introduced, afterwards appendixes and then supplements, there used to be no little commotion and bustle in reaching over from one pew to another, sometimes as many as three joining at the same book, with one or two looking over their

shoulders from the pew behind. Well, Wrigley would sing till he had a face the colour of a new copper kettle, and the sweat dropped off his chin end, hardly breathing until, like the Yorkshire precentor and the 119th Psalm, he had sung it "thragh and througewt." There seems to be a revival of these old times, judging by the oratorical services we have lately had in several of our places of worship, and the cultivation and spread of musical taste which there is now among us. The first regular choir of St. James's consisted of the Messrs. Thomas Green Brideoake, Josiah Radcliffe), James Hague, and John Scholes Hague, bass; Samuel Radcliffe, Miles Mayall, and Abraham Gartside, tenor; Robert Brideoake and James Gartside, alto; the treble, being made up from the teachers in the Sunday school, the late Sarah Lees —Mrs. William Schofield—being one of the principal. The organ, which was taken down in 1872, and is now doing duty in Tontine-street Chapel, Folkestone, Kent, was built by Richard Nicholson, of Rochdale, and was manipulated by Mr. Daniel Hague.

Sobriety was not one of the leading characteristics of some of the members of our local choirs in the early history of the churches. They were fond of "wetting their whistle" before, during, and after the service, on the principle, we suppose, that a good machine will not work smoothly without being well oiled. It was a standing boast of one of the male members of the choir of St. James's that he had left the church at morning service and returned drunk in the afternoon thirty Sundays out of the fifty-two. Mr. Walker was grieved and enraged at this, as well he might, so much so that he advertised for another singer to take his place. After engaging his man he found that he had literally jumped out of the frying pan into the fire, for singer number two was one of the biggest drunkards in the town. But then churchwardens and the clergy themselves were not free from this "gentlemanly vice." Had not the former their reserved rooms and seats, and their pipe racks in every

church inn; and were not the latter "the best-hearted and jolliest of fellows," and ever ready for a drink, if it was only "hush?" Did not one rev. gentleman, after promptly and unexpectedly receiving his guinea for preaching a charity sermon, invite the "officers" of the church at which he had been exhorting his hearers to Christian fellowship and duty into a neighbouring hostelry to have a drink with him? And did he not, after spending his spade ace coin, together with one or two more of the churchwardens, get taken home in a wheelbarrow in the early hours of the morning, and, wanting "one drink more" just before he got home, nearly lose his balance, his embryo charity sermons, and his life in a well by the roadside? We have it *on dit* that he would certainly have done so had not a working man been going to the mill, and, seeing the state of Denmark, helped the inebriated wheeler to get his barrow once more into position and the minister out of the well. And did not a neighbour and brother minister, on another occasion, invite a wedding party, who, having had so many houses of call to attend to on their way to church that they got there too late for the ceremony to be performed, into the inn close by, telling them they had better make the best of a bad job; stay there all night and he would make things right in the morning? This invitation was accepted, when carousing became the order of the afternoon and evening:—

And ay the ale was growing better.

None was merrier than "th' parson." The bridegroom and he were about the same height and weight, and the reverend gentleman rather prided himself on his athletic powers and skill. Going up to the bridegroom he said, "Jack, I understand you are a good wrestler. I would like to try you two out of three." Jack had no objection, so they retired to a clubroom upstairs, stripped themselves naked, and set to. The first round was against the pulpit. Another round, this time the pulpit victorious. Third and last round, long and hard-laboured, the pulpit fell again, and, rising like a

noble and fairly-conquered hero, he took Jack by the hand, saying "he would give in, and that he was sure there was not another man in the parish could beat him." Morning came, and after everything in the church had been turned upside down, the good-natured but rude wedding party were got into something like order, and the ceremony was performed to the satisfaction of the new-made wife, who had begun to have serious doubts as to how the affair would end. Another, we knew, called on one of his neighbours who, offering him a glass of home-brewed ale, with the apology that she was sorry it was so "dead," he took it, and as he raised it to his lips told her to be quite easy on that account, for he would soon "bury it.' Happily, wiser counsels prevail in the present day, and clergy and laity are aiming after higher motives and sources of pleasure. They find that consistency in the grand doctrines of true Christian faith is an attribute; that example is more powerful than precept; that vested interests and the scramble after the loaves and fishes are not to predominate over every sense of right and justice, and that a discerning public has eyes and ears to note the absurdities which prevail in thought and creed. Faith and salvation may be inseparable, but faith and good works are indispensable to the perfection of life.

Mr. Walker was succeeded by the Rev. Richard Austin Tuckniss, M.A., of St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford. He was promoted to St. James's from Burnley, November, 1857. During his ministry a vicarage was built (1863) in Spring-street, the land for which was given by the Messrs. Radcliffe, of Lowerhouse. An addition was also made to the schools, Moorside was made into a conventicle district, and the Rev. William H. Chambers appointed curate thereof. The old vestry behind the communion was removed, and a new one built. Mr. Tuckniss, though a fine-looking man, had delicate health, and after a short ministry of six years, two of which he was mostly laid up in sickness, he died at Southport on the 17th of February,

1864, in the 40th year of his age. He is buried in the yard of Holy Trinity Church in that town, the inscription on his gravestone reading as follows:—"In affectionate remembrance of the Rev. Richard Austin Tuckniss, M.A., late incumbent of St. James's, Oldham, who departed this life at Southport on the 17th of February, 1864, aged 39 years. This stone is erected by his loving family. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. They rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.'—Rev. xiv.-13."

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Saturday, December 22nd, 1888.

NOTES.

[219.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Burialls 1655

Aprill

John Sonne of James Hale buried the 12th day

Jane wife of John Leese of Broadbent buried 12th day

A Child of Ambrosse Jacksonne of Cronkaleach buried the 14th day

Elizabeth wife of Henry Assheton of Thelemore buried the 17th day

John Sonne of James Hopwood of ... shaw buried the 19th day

May

Mary Doughter of Randell Whittaker of Thelemore buried 5th day

Henry Turner of the Parish of Assheton buried the 24th of Aprill

Abigaill Doughter of Sam: Ogden of Tongemore buried the 6th of may

Mary Doughter of Lawrance Nuttall of this Toune buried the 8th Day

John wolsnam of thelemore buried the 16th Day of May

Anne Doughter of Edm: Schoffeild buried ye 22th day

June 1655

Jsaake Sonne of Samuell Hudsonne of Crompton buried the 3d day

Martha Doughter of John Ogden of this Toune buried the 21th day

Mary Doughter of Daniell Hallowes buried the 20th day

Joshua Sonne of Edmund Tettlow of Couldhurst buried the 28th Day

Jane Doughter of Arthur Hopkin buried the 29th Day

A Bastard Child of ffrancis Platt by Martha Hallowes buried 30th

Sara Doughter of John Hardie buried the 30th Day

July

James Sonne of John Taylor of Newearth Buried the 9th of July

Elizabeth wife of John Leese, Smithy, buried the 12th Day

Jonathan Sonne of Thomas Holland buried the 13th Day

Jsaake Sonne of Jsaake Wild Buried the 18th Day

Joseph Sonne of John Andrew of Glodwick buried the 22th Day

John Bardaley of Greenakres and Sara Meall buried the 28th Day

August 1655

A Child of Edmund Mathew of Crompton buried the 4th Day

A child of Henry of Crompton buried the 7th day

Doughter of Willm Bakon buried the 9th Day

A Child of Samuell Cheetam of Heyside buried the 10th day

John Worrall of ffoggelane buried the 11th Day of August

Debora Wife of Arthur Worrall of Crompton buried the 13th Day

Mary Doughter of George Clough of Leese lane in Asheton parish buried the 14th day

Thomas Williamsou Child buried the 15th day

Joseph Sonne of Joseph Widdall buried the 16th day of August

Henry Garside buried the 19th Day

Mary Wife of Thomas Collenson of Coohill buried the 22th Day

September 1655

Marke Sonne of Moses Dunkerley buried the 6th Day of September,

Alis Doughter of Samuell Heape buried the 17th Day

A Child of Abraham Wild of Shaw Chappell buried the 14th day

Sara Doughter of James Hoppwood of Cronckleach buried the 19th day

Thomas Sonne of Andrew Crompton Buried the 20th day

Elizabeth Doughter of Abraham Taylor of glodwick buried the 26th day

Doughter of John Lomax of Glodwick buried the 29th Day

October

Joseph Sonne of Edmund Schoffeild buried the 1th Day

Peeter Sonne of Nicolas Whythead buried the 9th day

James Sonne of Richard Leese buried the 14th day

Mary wife of John Ogden of Chaderton buried he 19th of October

James Sonne of John Houlden Buried the 23d Day of October

A Child of Jsaake Ogden Buried the 26th of October

Anna Doughter of John Smethurst Buried the 31th day

Nouember

Jane Wife of John Haynthorne buried the 2th day

Mary Doughter of John Clegg of High Crompton buried 6th day

John Sonne of Jsaake Leese buried the 7th Day

James Sonne of James Greaue buried 9th Day

Anna Doughter of Abraham Scholes buried the 21th Day

George Heape of Berchen boure buried the 28th Day Nouember

Desember

Kateran wife of John Greaue of Blakeley buried 6th day

Robt Scholes buried the the 10th of December

Samuell sonne of James Leese buried the 13th Day

Robt Sonne of Robt Schoffeild of Crompton buried the 13th day

A Child of Wright Wifes buried the 13th day

A Child of Thomas Millnes of Crompton buried the 30th Day

January 1655

Jssabell wife of Thomas Winterbothom of Ryton buried the 3d day

Edmund halle of the Wood buried the 4th day of January

Alis Collinge of ReezCroft wthin Crompton buried 5th day

Anne Wife of Henry Saneringe buried 20th day of January

Catheren Wife of Henry Saxon buried the 19th of January

Elizabeth base Doughter of Thomas Somester of Hollinwood buried the 20th Day

ffebruary

Richard Sonne of Daniell Blakley buried 2 february

Susaana wife of Samuell hallowes of Whittfeild buried ye 5th Day

Alis wife of Mr Willm Assheton of this Toune buried the 6th Day

Sara Buckley of Whittfeild buried the 8th Day of ffebruary

Anne Wife of Thomas Chadwicke of bearetrees buried the 13th february

Alis Doughter of James Thorpe of Ryton buried the 13th Day

Sara wife of John Haynethorne buried the 14th Day of ffeb

Sara Doughter of George Hale of Coohill buried the 15th Day of feb:

John Sonne of Garvis Winterbothom buried the 18th Day of ffeb

Sara wife of Edmund Ogden of Thelemore buried the 18th Day

A Child of Samuell Leese of Parke buried the 26th Day

March

A Child of James Collenge of high Crompton buried 3th of March

John Heape of Glodwicke buried the 6th of March 1655

John Wolfenden of Hodgclough buried the 6th Day of March

James Platt of Sadleworth Buried the 17th Day of March 1655

George Wolfenden of Cowhill Buried the 18th Day of March 1655

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Saturday, December 29th, 1888.

NOTES.

[220]. REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptisms 1656

March

Mary Doughter of Jsaake Leese borne the 25th of March 1656 Baptisd the 30th of the same

Thomas Sonne of Thomas Berry of Hopkinfould borne the 21st of March baptisd the 30th of the Same

Martha Doughter of Thomas Assheton of this Toune borne the 23th of March baptisd the 6th of Aprill 1656

Edmund Sonne of James Newton of This Toune borne the 1th of Aprill baptisd the 13th of the Same

Aprill 1656

John Sonne of Joseph hill borne the 12th of Aprill baptisd the 27th of the Same

Grace Bastard of henry Broadbent and Grace

Ouldham borne the 27th Day

Susanna Doughter of Thomas Leese of high knowles within Assheton parish borne the 23th of Aprill baptisd the 4th of May

Jeremiah Sonne of James Hudson of Northmore borne the 28th of Aprill baptisd 4 day of may

Sara Doughter of James Neild of Cowhill borne the 1th of May baptisd the 4th Day

May

Sara Doughter of James Andrew of Loeside borne the 4th Day of May
Susanna Doughter of John Bageley borne the 6th Day of May
Sara Doughter of John Leese of Crossbancke Jn Ashton Parish borne the 5th of May
} baptised the 11th of the Same

John Sonne of James Wild of Hollenwood borne the 8th of May baptisd the 18th of the Same

Elizabeth Doughter of Joshua Cudworth Genta borne the 11th of May baptd 22 of the Same

Elizabeth Doughter of James Hale of Denton borne the 19th of May baptisd ye 25th

Alis Doughter of Richard Millnes of Higginshaw Yate borne the 16 May

Thomas Sonne of Thomas Taylor of Hollins borne the 24th of May baptisd 1th of June

Mary Doughter of James Cheetham of bent borne the 30th of May baptisd 1th of June

June

Mary Doughter of Robert Thorpe of Hathershaw borne the 1th of June baptisd 8th day

John Sonne of James Strenger borne the 4th of June baptisd 8th Day

Mary Doughter of Robert Leese of Broadbent borne the 5th Day baptisd 8th Day

James Sonne of Marke Whithead of Thelemore borne the 9th Day baptisd 15th Day

Sara Doughter of John Butterworth of Horshedge borne the 9th Day baptisd 15

Sara Doughter of James Wild of Hollinwood borne the 21th Day baptisd
James Sonne of Joshua Crossley of stockelane borne the 20th baptisd
Mary Doughter of George Clough of Leese in asheton Parish born 15th baptisd
} 29th of July

Mary Doughter of John Pollet of Glodwick borne the 29th June
Mary Doughter of John Leese at backe Edge borne the 26 June
Joseph Sonne of Randle Whytaker borne 30th of June
George Sonne of George Scholes of Chadderton borne 26 June
} baptisd 6th July

July 1656

Jsaake Sonne of Jsaake Ogden of this Toune borne the 2th Day ot July baptisd the 8th Day of the Same

Jacob Sonne of John Wild alias delfe borne the 14th Day baptisd the 20th Day

Anna Doughter of Robert Millnes borne the 18th Day of of July baptisd the 27th Day

Sara Doughter of James Hopwood Cronksleach borne the 18th Day of July baptisd the 27th o ye Same

Martha Doughter of Abraham Clegg borne the 18th Day of July baptised the 27th Day

August 1656

Samuell Sonne of John Jackson borne the 25th of July baptisd the 3d of August

Jane Doughter of John Couper of Tinker lane borne 5th of August baptisd the 10th of the Same

John Sonne of Robert Ogden of fox denton borne the 15th of August
Timothy Sonne of John Tetlow of Northmore borne the 18th
James Sonne of Edward Hill of Royton borne the 4th of August
Samuell Sonne of Raphe Mellor of Ryton baptisd
} baptised the 24th August

John Sonne of John Kershaw of Souer borne the 10th Day of August baptisd the 31st of the same

September

John Sonne of Raph Travis of Mosse Lane borne the 5th of September baptisd the 14th of the Same

John Sonne of Phineas Chadwicke borne the 5th of September baptisd the 24th

Sara Doughter of James Leese of Leese lane in Assheton pish borne the 15th of September baptised the 28th of the same.

Miles Sonne of Robert Meall borne the 13th Day

of September baptised the 28th of the Same

Raphe Sonne of John Houlden of hunt lane borne the 27th of September

October 1656

Joseph Sonne of John Lomax of Glodwicke borne the 12th of October baptised the 15th Day of the Same

Anne Doughter of Richard Whythead baptised the 15th of October

Alexander Sonne of Nathan Lomax borne the 18th o October baptisd the 26th of the Same

Peeter Sonne of Abraham Scholes of Chamber Yate borne the 21th of October baptisd 26th of the Same

James Sonne of John Breareley of Barashaw borne the 27th of October baptised the 2th of Nouember

Edmund Sonne of John Roads of Ryley borne the 19th Day of October baptisd the 25th

Christopher Sonne of Jonathan Tonge borne the 31th of October

Anne Doughter of Peeter Collinge borne the 25th of October baptisd the 5th of Nouember

Elizabeth Doughter of Abraham Ogden of Greenakers More borne the 24th of October baptisd the 5th of Nouember

Nouember

Anne Doughter of Jsaake Leese of Newearth borne the 10th of Nouembr baptisd the 23rd of the Same.

James base Sonne of Edmund Wolsnam of Coohill borne the 3d Day of Nouember baptisid the 23d of the Same

Desember 1656

Joseph Sonne of ffrancis Clegg of Shouer baptised the 7th of December

James Sonne of Richard Leese baptised the 7th of December

Alis Doughter of Edward Sandeforth of Broade lane borne the 3d Day of December baptised the 14th of the Same

Anne Doughter of Ottiwell Wild of Barashaw borne the 6th of December baptised the 14th of the

Same

January 1656

Samuell Sonne of Willm Crompton aboue Beale borne the 16th baptised the 25th Day

Sarah Doughter of John Tayler of foxdenton borne the 18th baptisd the 25the Day.

Joseph Sonne of Edmund Millnes baptisd the 25th Day.

Mary Doughter of John Andrew of Glodwicke borne the 26th of January baptisd the 8th of ffebruary

ffebruarie 1656

Thomas Sonne of Richard Bexwicke baptisd the 15th of ffeb

Mary Doughter of Edmund Buckley borne the 8th of ffebruary baptisd the 22th Day

March

Debora Doughter of Edward Taylor of Nether leese wthin Asshton parish borne the 20th of feb: baptisd the 8th of March

Sara Doughter of Robert Streete of Alt borne the 6th of March baptisd the 14th of the Same

Henocke Sonne of Robt Thorpe of Ryton borne the 4th Day of March baptisd the 14th of the Same

Alis Doughter of Joseph Milnes borne the 3d Day of March baptisd the 15th of the Same

Joshua Sonne of John Ogden of Greenesakers borne the 17th Day of March baptisd the 22th of the Same

John Sonne of Luke Hallowes borne the 13th Day baptised the 22th of the Same

Mary Doughter of John Winterbothom of Leese in Asshton p ish borne the 12th Day of March baptisd the 22th of the Same

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THE YEAR'S EVENTS.

In resuming the practice of giving at the end of the year a chronological view of the occurrences of that period, we have aimed at presenting our readers with brief but carefully-compiled notices of the principal events rather than extending the list by including incidents of little or no public interest. The great crimes of the year, the chief matters of municipal

interest, and all social and political movements will be found duly recorded:—

JANUARY.—4. Bolton Theatre destroyed by fire; loss £15,000. Severe gale; many casualties at sea.—6. James Winterbottom, a former resident in Oldham, committed suicide at the Ram's Head Inn, Disley, near Stockport. William Lord, factory operative, committed suicide at Cheadle.—11. Dense fog all over the country, which commenced on the 8th; it dispersed on the 10th, but this morning was much more dense; several accidents in consequence.—12. Lord Salisbury addressed a Conservative meeting at Liverpool.—13. Fog cleared. First Quarter Sessions held in Oldham. The Hon. E. L. Stanley lectured on education at the Town Hall.—19. Conservative meeting at the Colosseum, addressed by Lord Cadogan, Mr. Mowbray, Mr. Elliott Lees (who presided), and Mr. C. Emmott.—21. Reopening of the Werneth Liberal Club. Conservative meeting at Middleton, addressed by Messrs. Fielden and Mowbray. — 24. Local Government Board inquiry at Royton, concerning an application of the Local Board for power to take land for sewage disposal.—26. Charities Commission inquiry by Mr. Lefroy at Middleton, concerning the Grammar School endowments.—27. Strike of velvet weavers at the Albany Mill, lasting four days.

FEBRUARY.—1. Long and animated discussion in the Town Council on the Corporation finances and bookkeeping.—2. Hunter arrested on charges arising out of what was known as the Salford gas scandal. Ratepayers' meeting to denounce the increased borough rate. Exhibition of modern English pictures opened at the Art Gallery.—3. Tragedy at Salford: a chemist named Derby poisoned his wife and six children and committed suicide.—8. Motion of Mr. Councillor Wrigley to admit reporters to subcommittee meetings rejected. — 9. Parliament opened.—15. Borough rate of 2s. 6d. in the £ confirmed by the Council.—17. Destructive fire at a cotton warehouse in Bower-street.—18. Heavy snowstorm, which continued for several days. Roads and railways blocked by drifts in many parts of the country.—22. Mr. Chadwick, a former Mayor of Oldham, died. Snow ceased in the district.—23. Intense frost.—24. Renewal of snowstorm. Mr. Chadwick buried.—25. Great Liberal meeting at the

Colosseum; Mr. John Dillon, M.P., and Mr. Hibbert were the chief speakers.

MARCH.—1. Tragedy at Moston; a woman named Miller murdered and her daughter injured by a man named Gell, who was captured immediately afterwards.—3. Mysterious outrage in Oldham, resulting in the death of a man named Connor.—7: Exhumation of Connor's corpse for the purpose of identification. Stormy meeting of the Town Council: opposition of Mr. Councillor Brierley to the address to the Prince and Princess of Wales on their silver wedding.—9. Death of the Emperor of Germany. First dinner of the Chamber of Commerce.—10. Fire at Osborne Mill; great damage.—14. Adjourned inquest concerning the mysterious death of Connor; verdict, "Death from disease of the kidneys, accelerated by a blow on the head. International arbitration meeting at the Friends' Meeting House. Heavy snowstorm all over Lancashire.—15. Continued snowfall; railways blocked in Scotland and North-East of England. Adjourned examination of Griffin, arrested on suspicion of having killed Connor; he was discharged.—17. Opening of the extension of the Industrial Co-operative Society's buildings in King-street by the Hon. E. L. Stanley.—23. Presentation of a portrait of Mr. Alderman Radcliffe to the Corporation at a banquet at the Town Hall.—24. Conservative demonstration at Stalybridge, addressed by Messrs. Balfour, Elliott Lees, and others; torchlight procession.—28. Adjourned inquest on Mrs. Miller, at Moston; verdict of "Wilful murder" against Gell. Scotch railways again blocked by snow.

APRIL.—2. Snowstorm all over Yorkshire.—5. Gell committed for trial for the murder of Mrs. Miller.—11. Local Government Board inquiry at Failsworth, concerning an application for a further loan for the cemetery. Boundary Commission on Ashton for the purpose of the Local Government Bill. Liberal meeting at the Co-operative Hall, King-street.—12. Movement of factory operatives for an advance of wages commenced.—17. Conversazione given by the Mayor at Werneth Park.—20. Mr. Simkinson's mill on fire twice during the morning.—27. Trial of Gell at Manchester Assizes for the murder of Mrs. Miller; sentence of death passed.—28. Exhibition of the Oldham Naturalists' Society opened.

MAY.—1. Murderous assault by a man named Smith on his wife, at Luzley Brook.—2. Stormy meeting at Shaw to discuss the licensing clauses of the Local Government Bill.—3. Unionist meeting at Middleton.—4. Smith committed for trial at Royton. —9. Corporation reduced the price of gas 2d. per 1,000 cubic feet.—12. Smith tried at the Liverpool Assizes, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. —15. Gell hanged at Manchester. Liberal meeting at Failsworth, addressed by Mr. Herbert Gladstone and Mr. Agnew; torchlight procession to escort speakers to the railway station. —16. Meeting at Royton of delegates from the Local Boards of the out-townships to consider the question of amalgamation with Oldham; proposition rejected. Stormy meeting at the Temperance Hall, Horsedge-street; resolution against the licensing clauses of the Local Government Bill carried by a small majority.—17. Meeting of master cotton spinners at the Town Hall; the operatives' application for an advance of 5 per cent. conceded.—21. Co-operative Congress opened at Dewsbury.—22. A warder at Strangeways Gaol, named Webb, murdered by a convict named Jackson, who effected his escape.—23. Jackson, about two o'clock this morning, committed burglaries in Park-road and Cromwell-street, Oldham. Search and inquiry made in Leesbrook, Lees, Delph, and Greenfield, and the murderer traced to Marsden. —25. A girl named Alice Wood, residing in Werneth, fell under a train at Hebden Bridge, and received injuries so severe that she died the next morning at Halifax Infirmary.

JUNE.—1. Liberal banquet at Slaithwaite, attended by Sir W. Harcourt. First stone of a Liberal club laid at Golcar.—5. Stormy meeting in the Co-operative Hall, King-street, to consider the licensing clauses of the Local Government Bill.—6. Debate in the Town Council on Alderman Dyson's resolution against the licensing clauses of the Local Government Bill; amendment carried in favour of expressing no opinion.—9. Oldham Fire Brigade took the first prize at Ashton-under-Lyne.—11. Jackson, the murderer of Webb, captured at Bradford Moor.—13. Jackson committed for trial. Meeting at Middleton in support of a project to start a weaving shed at Hebers.—15. Death of the Emperor of Germany.—17. References made in several places of worship to the

death of the Emperor.—18. Funeral of the Emperor.—20. Oldham troop of the Yeomanry Cavalry went for training to Lancaster. Anniversary of the foundation of the Blue Coat School: sermon at St. Mary's Church preached by the Rev. E. T. Wigg, vicar of Royton.—26. Bands began to play in the Alexandra Park for the season.—30. Memorial stones of a Liberal club laid at Failsworth.

JULY.—1. The Bishop of Manchester preached at St. Andrew's, Oldham, and at Royton; and Dr. Dallinger at Wesley Chapel, Oldham. Church parade of Oldham volunteers at St. Mary's.—7. Band of Hope demonstration and gala.—11. Inquest held on the new-born child of Mary Jane Howard, of Radcliffe-street, which died under suspicious circumstances; adjourned for attendance of the mother.—13. Savage duel between M. Floquet and General Boulanger; both wounded. Queen of Servia expelled from Germany, and the Crown Prince seized.—14. Conservative picnic at Hardcastle Crags; meeting addressed by Messrs. Maclean and Elliott Lees. Libel action at Manchester, the Gladstone Spinning Company v. Rennie and Hirst, proprietors of the *Oldham Chronicle*; verdict for the defendants.—18. Action at Manchester, Cooper v. the Corporation of Oldham; verdict for the plaintiff, damages £150 and costs. Trial of Jackson for the murder in Strangeways Gaol; prisoner convicted and sentenced to death.—19. Additional burying ground at St. Matthew's, Chadderton, consecrated by Bishop Cramer Roberts.—23. Adjourned inquest on the child of Mary Jane Roberts; verdict of manslaughter against the mother and Mrs. Williams.—27. Police raid on betting men at Shaw.

AUGUST.—1. Sham fight at Standedge.—5. Flower show at St. Thomas's Schools, Werneth, opened by the Mayoress.—7. Execution of Jackson, at Manchester, for the murder of a prison warder.—8. Shaw betting men convicted at Royton, and heavily fined.—9. Several Oldham millowners summoned before the Sanitary Committee for allowing black smoke to be emitted from their chimneys. The wife of Daniel Heron remanded by the Oldham Bench on a charge of stabbing her husband in Rock-street the previous night.—14. Frost this morning.—22. Sewers flushed for the purpose of discovering the cause of bad smells in Oldham. Combined committees

—Sanitary, Waterworks, and Surveyors—met to consider the matter.—29. Accident near Ashburys Station to an Oldham train, several persons injured. Fracas in Tommyfield, between "sea-on-land" men and their customers; several persons kicked severely.

SEPTEMBER.—6. Charges arising out of the Tommyfield fracas heard at the Town Hall; Mitchell fined £2 and Wilson £1.—8. Harvesting commenced this week. Hay still lying in the fields. Fourth of a series of horrible murders of women committed at the East End of London.—11. Meeting of cotton spinners at Manchester concerning the Liverpool cotton "corner;" short time recommended.—12. Consecration of St. Augustine's Church, Newton Heath, by the Bishop of Manchester. Meeting of the governors of Oldham Infirmary to acknowledge a gift of £52 from Mr. Jas. Hetherington, raised by a "draw."—14. Consecration of an extension of the Church of England portion of the Chadderton Cemetery by the Bishop of Manchester.—15. Agricultural show at Middleton. Discovery of the corpse of a lad named Brown in a sandbank at Royton.—18. Death of the rector of Middleton.—20. Organ opening at Mossley Parish Church by the Bishop of Manchester.—21. Half-time for a month decided upon at adjourned meeting of cotton spinners at Manchester.—29. Most of the mills in the Oldham district using American cotton commenced working half-time this week.—30. Two more horrible murders of women at the East End of London.

OCTOBER.—1. Snowstorm in Oldham.—2. Church Congress opened at Manchester.—3. Meeting at the Town Hall in connection with the Church Congress.—9. Sir James Fergusson at Newton Heath.—10. Sir W. V. Harcourt at the Skating Rink, Oldham.—13. New co-operative store opened at Austerlands.—15. "General" Booth at the Salvation Citadel, Oldham.—16. Visit of Royal Commissioners to Oldham workshop for the blind and the school for deaf and dumb children.—17. Mr. Meanock's mill at Mossley burnt; damage £15,000.—18. Induction of Mr. Cleworth as rector of Middleton.—19. Inquest at Bardsley on Atkinson, a pianist, better known as "Blind Joe," who had committed suicide there.—24. Mr. Mowbray, M.P., at Mossley.—27. Mr. Maclean, M.P., at Crompton and Hollinwood. Mr. H. H. Asquith, M.P., at the Co-operative Hall, King-street. Sir J.

and Mr. Mowbray, M.P., at Failsworth.

NOVEMBER.—1. Municipal elections held.—3. New Oddfellows' Hall opened by the Mayor.—5. Visit of Chinese trade commissioners to Messrs. Platt's works and the Glebe and Textile Company's mills.—9. Alderman Platt re-elected as Mayor of Oldham. Another horrible murder in Whitechapel.—10. First stone of All Saints' Church, Northmoor, laid by Mrs. Dodd.—12. Photographic exhibition at the Art Gallery opened by Mrs. Emmott.—17. Colonel Saunderson addressed a Conservative meeting at the Colosseum. Mr. J. T. Hibbert attended a meeting of Oddfellows at Shaw. Liberal meeting at Chadderton addressed by Mr. T. D. Sullivan.—20. Alderman Mellor died.—22. Public meeting at the Glodwick Reform Club on the education question.—23. Funeral of Alderman Mellor at Chadderton Cemetery.—27. A man named Thorp, a tripe dresser at Lees, committed suicide at the Bath Hotel by shooting himself.

DECEMBER.—1. Messrs. Hibbert and Cheetham addressed meetings at Hollinwood and Middleton Junction.—3. Dr. Butler, Dean of Lincoln, preached at St. John's, Werneth.—10. Distribution of prizes to successful students of the Science and Art Schools by Sir J. C. Lee, at the Town Hall.—15. Opening of a Liberal club at Failsworth by Mr. W. Agnew. Great fire at the Woodstock Spinning Company's old mill, the damage amounting to £30,000.—18. The Bishop of Manchester delivered an address to working men at the Co operative Hall, Shaw.—20. Election of a town councillor for Hollinwood in place of Mr. W. Lees, raised to the aldermanic bench on the death of Alderman Mellor; Mr. James Spencer elected by a majority of 139 votes over Mr. Hugh Shaw. Weaving shed at Mr. Whittaker's mill, Hurst, near Ashton, destroyed by fire.—22. Mr. E. L. Stanley delivered an address on the education question in the Co-operative Hall, Greenacres. Distribution of prizes to the Oldham company of the 6th Volunteer Battalion of the Manchester Regiment at the Town Hall.—24. Parliament prorogued.—25. Distribution of the Mayor's "hot-pots" at the Town Hall.

Saturday, January 5th, 1889

NOTES.

[221.] ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.

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After Mr. Tacknisa came the Rev. Robert Septimus Gooday, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. He was formerly of Prestwich and Eccles Churches, and began his ministry at St. James's in April, 1864. During his term of office another addition was made to the schools in Barry-street, January, 1875, and a new organ by Hill and Sons, of London, was built, 1872. The cost was about £1,200, the money being raised by subscriptions. A small vestry was also built at the east end of the south aisle, 1872. Mr. Gooday was a quiet, unassuming man, taking little active part in the burning questions of the day in which he lived, choosing rather to attend to his own parochial duties. He was a perfect gentleman in manners and conversation, and was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. After a ministry of 14 years, and, paradoxical as it may seem, although he won his degree of M.A., he died as he had lived, a plain bachelor of divinity, on the 22nd of April, 1878. He is buried on the south of the mortuary chapel in Greenacres Cemetery, the burial ground in connection with St. James's having been closed in 1857, the same year that the cemetery was opened. A tablet of alabaster and marble is placed on the inside of the south wall of the church, and inscribed as follows:—

"This tablet was erected by the parishioners and congregation of St. James's, Oldham, in affectionate remembrance of their late vicar, the Rev. Robert Septimus Gooday, M.A., who departed this life in the 14th year of his incumbency. Born April 29th, 1824; died April 23rd, 1878." He preached his last sermon on Good Friday, 1878, from the following text:—"Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and your children;" Luke 23rd chap., 28th verse. On

his grave, which overlooks the purple hills of Greenfield, Mottram, Longdendale, and Buxton, is "Here Resteth the Body of Robert Septimus Gooday, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford, and for fourteen years vicar of St. James's, in this town. Born April 29th, 1824; died April 23rd, 1878." As time has passed on, young faces have grown older, and old things have rapidly changed in the district of St. James's. The country roads are now streets, noisy and busy with an ever-increasing population. Soho House and gardens are covered by large workshops. The old workhouse has been removed from Mount Pleasant to a more congenial locality. The Moss at Mumps, with its open stone quarry, has disappeared. Wallshaw House, which stood on the line of the old road, is in the background. Stamp-stone is all but stamped out. Acre-town is a goods depôt of a busy railway company. Lowerhouse, as a habitation, has Ichabod written on its front. Pithank is a little London: Dirtcar a small town in itself. The Hills are terraces of shops and houses; and the Moors solid pavements. Moorside and Waterhead, or Millbottom, as we have said before, are large villages and parishes of their own, and Top-o'th'-Moor is a city of the dead; the last home of thousands of those who have gone before, and are quietly waiting for us to follow. Education has become more general; our analytical, mutual improvement, lyceum and other societies and institutions having been the help-mates of a good class of public and private schools. The formerly vexed question of teaching writing in Sunday schools is now settled after much wrangling and some divisions among the early pioneers of religious instruction; the Rev. Mr. Walker being, we believe, the first clergyman in Oldham to put his veto on the practice. Improvements in machinery have given an impetus to the parish unparalleled in the history of the cotton industry, and made "merchant princes" of many whose ancestors were of the humble and hard-working poor. The modest beginnings at

Number 57, Huddersfield-road, and Tweedlew's old mill—which stood on the open banks of the Munns brook, then crossed by a bridge—have now (1889) developed into the colossal establishment of the Messrs. Platt Brothers and Co., Limited, and the forge at Soho into the only secondary machine shop of the Messrs. Asa Lees and Co., Limited. Hoary Vulcan would now stand aghast to see the legions who leave these places when work ceases, and his cyclopean apprentices and satellites would uncover their goggle eyes, throw away their red-hot thunderbolts, and bolt away to the lower, middle, or other regions where the mythical illustrious ones are supposed to congregate. The gin-turned and the water-turned nutshell mills of the past, and those like that still standing as numbers 53 and 55, Huddersfield-road, which was one among the first to adopt the Herculean power which comes from the ebullition of the steaming tea kettle, have been supplanted and left out in the cold by their younger offspring, the eighty thousand and upward spindled factories of to-day. Oldham in general, and the parish of St. James's in particular, little thought how much they would be indebted to the quiet, plodding man who came in the early part of this century from the Italian-looking village of Dobcross in Saddleworth to a friend's house in Dirtcar, and being asked if he could mend a winter-hedge stopped to do so. This work done he was invited to dinner with the family, when the mid-day meal conversation turned on the subject of carding engines. His host asked him "if he could make one." He promptly replied that he "thought he could if he had the materials to do so." The wood, &c., was obtained at the shop of John Garnett (now in the possession of Mr. H. Fenton, Lees-road). The carding engine was made, with what results the whole cotton-manufacturing world can testify, and another great lesson was added to the annals of the commercial history of our country, showing what great results can grow from the smallest beginnings, and the most accidental sources. Here was another

illustrious name added to the "men who have risen" series. Well, the congregation and scholars of the church under our consideration increased in numbers and wealth in proportion to the increase of prosperity in the parish. At one time most of the leading families of the east end of the town were connected with them; numbering in the list those of the Joneses, the Hagues, the Leeses of Clarksfield, the Radcliffes, the Greaveses, the Collinges, the Platts (John's), the Brideoakes, the Shierses, the Leaches, the Wolstenholmes, &c. Many of them have been benefactors to the town of Oldham inasmuch as they have made "two blades of grass grow where but one grew before" and in being the means of helping so many hundreds to help themselves. Many, indeed, have left their mark cut so deeply in the history of the county borough of Oldham that the erasive hand of time will never be able to efface. Some have been an ornament to the magisterial bench, others have done good service in the administrations of the municipal chamber. Others have given freely of their time and means, too, in helping to spread over our youth the golden-fringed mantle of a sounder and broader training of mind and manners than that which once prevailed, and obtained for the natives of this part of Lancashire the sobriquet of "Oldham Roughheads." A few have thrown a halo of glory around us by their wise consultations in the Imperial Senate of the finest and freest country in the world. We of the present day, living among so many comforts and amidst such prosperity, are too apt to forget the abnegations these worthy and noble men have made for us; and are, we are afraid, too often jealous of, or ungrateful for, the successes they have accomplished. *Sed non Vitellius* (*Lucius*).

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OLDHAM SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

The counting of the votes polled for the different candidates on Friday commenced at half-past nine on on Saturday morning, and at five minutes to five in the afternoon the Mayor announced the following as

the result of the poll :—

O'Callaghan (Voluntary)	16,019
Carson (Voluntary)	11,616
Taylor (Voluntary)	11,160
Radcliffe (Voluntary)	11,113
Wright (Voluntary)	10,254
Middleton (Unsectarian)	10,218
Rountree (Voluntary)	10,167
Lord (Voluntary)	9,747
Wainwright (Unsectarian)	9,688
Clegg (Unsectarian)	9,378
Emmott (Unsectarian)	9,323
Davies (Unsectarian)	9,258
Travis (Unsectarian)	9,072
Thomson (Unsec.)—*Unsuccessful.*	8,578

—The Rev. T. O'Callaghan supposed it was a privilege which devolved upon him to propose a vote of thanks to the Mayor as the returning officer. It was a great honour and pleasure to him to do so. He thought they might also congratulate themselves and the Mayor on the way in which the election had been carried on, and he hoped that any hard words which had been used would be forgotten.—The Rev. J. P. Rountree seconded the vote of thanks, and said he was sure that anyone who had seen the assiduous way in which the Mayor and the officials had attended to the duties must have been struck with admiration at the way in which everything had been organised and carried out.—The vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation.

Saturday, January 12th, 1889.

NOTES.

[222.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Marriages 1656

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage Edmund Wolsnam and Elizabeth Assheton Doughter of Henry Assheton of Cohill wthin Chadderton both Jnhabitants wthin the pish of Ouldham and aboute the age of Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide partyes in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three seuerall Lords

Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exersise Accordinge to the Late Act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 16th of March and one the 23th of March 1655 and one the 30th of March 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide intended Mariage And the Abouenamed partyes weare Maried at Manchester by Collenell Thomas Berch Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster in Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name this 4th of Aprill 1656

THO: BIRCHE

wittnesse

Henry Assheton
Michael Morehouse
Marke Neild

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Edmund Marlor of the parish of Ouldham of the Parish of Ouldham of the one partye and Anne Macon of Heawood wthin the Parish of Berry of the other partye both aboue the age of One and Twentye yeares was Published Three seuerall market Dayes at the Market Crosse in Rachdale in three seuerall weekes vizt one the 20th and one the 27th of Aprill and one the 5th of May 1656 betweene the houers of Eleuen and 2 o'clocke according to act of parliamt and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage And the aboue named parties weare Maried at Hopwood one the 27th Day of May by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancastet Jn Teasttemony Whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittness

Robt Marlor
Marke Neild

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Miles Wild of Crompton and Susanna Wolfenden of the Same both within the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from ye Saide partes in Writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the

Close of the morninge Exercise accordinge to the Late acte of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 27th of Aprill and one the 4th of May and one the 11th of May 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage. And the Parties abouenamed weare maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 13th Day of May in Teastemony whereof hee hath subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Witnesse
Richard Wolfenden, father of
Susanna
marke Neild

The Agreemt and purpasse of Mariage betweene Samuell Hallowes of Whittfeild wthin the Parish of Ouldham, Widdower Taylor of the one partye and Anne Breareley of Hollfeild wthin the Parish of Rachdale spinser of the other Partie both above the Age of One and Twentye yeares was by mee and by Direction from the Saide Parties in writinge first Deliuered vnto mee Published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exersise Accordinge to the late Act of Parliamt Lately made vizt one the 4th of May and one the 11th of May and one the 18th of May 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage And the Abouenamed Parties weare maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 20th of May 1656 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittness
James Buckley
George buckley
Samuell Crompton

James Hilton of Crompton and Alis Schoffeild of the Same weare Published 3 Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham vizt one

the 11th and one the 18th and one the 25th of May 1656, and the Abouenamed p sons weare Maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 27th of may Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

John Ogden of Chadderton within the Parish of Ouldham yeoman of the one partye and Margret Smith of Chowerton Roe in the Parish of Manchester of the other Partye weare Published 3 Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exercise vizt one the 18th and one the 25th of May and one the first of June 1656 And the aboue named persons weare maried at Manchester by Richard Haworth Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 5th of June Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

RI: HAWORTH

Wittnesse
John Smith
Euen Clarke
Marke Neild

Daniell Schoffield of the Toune of Chadderton husbandman and Mary Latham of the Toune of Ouldham Spinser weare published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exercise vizt one the 25th of May the 1th of June the 8th of June 1656 and the Abouenamed persons weare Maried at Manchester by Robt Hide Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 14th Day of June 1656 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

ROBT HYDE

Wittnesse
John Latham
Marke Neild

John Ogden of Coohill within Chadderton fustian weaver and Mary Whittaker of Northmore within Chadderton spinser both Inhabitants within the

parish of Ouldham weare Published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exercise vizt one the 8th of June and one the 15th of June and one the 22th of June 1654 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage and the Abouenamed persons weare Maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this County of Lancaster this 24th Day of June in the yeare of Or Lord god 1656 Jn Teastemony Whereof hee Hath subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse
Edmund Whittaker
James Houlden

John Mellor of Baregapp yate within the Touneshipp of Ouldham husbandman of the one ptye and Anne Potter of the Same spinser both inhabitants within the Parish of Ouldham weare published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morning Exercise vizt one the 22th of June and one the 29th of June and one the 6th of July 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the Said Jntended mariage And the abouenamed persons Weare maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster this 8th Day of July in the yeare of or Lord god 1656 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittness
Raph Potter
John Beeley
Samuell Butterworth
husbandman

Henry Greaue and Anne Bardsley both of the Parish of Ouldham weare published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exercise viz one the 10th of August and one the 17th of August and one the 24th of August 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage And the abouenamed persons weare maried at

Manchester by Richard Haworth Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 30th of August 1656 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

RI: HAWORTH

witnesse

James Andrew
Richard Taylor
Miles Greaue

Noah Hallowes Sonne of Joseph Hallowes of Counthill wthin the parish of Ouldham Taylor and Mary Cheetham Doughter of Samuell Cheetam of Heyside within Ryton and in the parish of Ouldham yeoman weare published three Seuerall Lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exercise vizt one the 10th of August and one the 17th of August and one the 24th of August 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the the Saide Jntended Marlage And the abouenamed persons weare maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 9th of September 1656 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD.

(*Continued.*) G. SHAW.

Saturday, January 19th, 1889.

NOTES.

[223.] WILL OF MR. THOMAS NUTTALL OF TOTTINGTON IN BURY 1726.

The will of this Oldham benefactor we transcribe from the Raines' MSS.[i] It relates to the bequest he left to the education of eight children in the Oldham Grammar School. What has become of the endowment!

In the Name of God Amen The 14th March 1726 I Thomas Nuttall late of Tottington but now of Bury Co Lancr Gent. for settling my Estate do make this my last Will and Testament in manner

[i] Vol. xxiv., p. 252.

following—And first I give, and devise to my Granddaughter Margaret Bagshaw (Daughter of Adam Bagshaw of Wormhill in Derbyshire Gent. by Margaret my only daur and Child and to the heirs of the said Margaret my Grand daughter for ever A freehold messuage and tenement called Woolfould in Tottington in possession of Geo Warburton And concerning all my Copyhold Lands in Tottington called Tottington ffearns Lands and Quakers which I have surreadered to Rich Rothwell of Ramsbottom and Thomas Baron of Walshaw and Nathaniel Nuttall of Elton all in the said Co Yeomen to the uses of my Will I give devise and appoint my only Child Mrs. Bagshaw for her life one annuity or rent of £60 issuing out of the said premises (Except a Bay of Building which I have lately erected in Tottington for a School House and which for ever hereafter shall be used and employed for that purpose only) clear of all deductions with power of distress. And concerning all my Freehold Lands in the Parish of Oldham (except a Messuage and Tenement there called Roydes which I formerly purchased from Mr Samuel Thorpe charged with a rent of 40s. payable to Oldham School) I give devise and appoint the same and all the said Copyhold Lands (except said School House) subject to said annuity of £60. To said R. Rothwell Thomas Baron and Nath. Nuttall. In Trust for the 1. 2. 3d and all other Sons of my said Daug (now Mrs Bagshaw) which shall be born to her in my life time or in 7 yrs next after my decease successively in remainder one after another and to the heirs of the body of such Son or Sons lawfully issued the elder before the younger. And in default all said Freehold and Copyhold Lands (charged as before) to my said granddaughter Margaret Bagshaw and her heirs for ever. Provided my Daughter Mrs Bagshaw shall have in my life time or 7 years after my decease another daughter and no son who shall live to inherit the premises and my said Granddaughter Margaret and all other children happen to die in

their minority and leave no Issue I give &c all said Freehold Lands to my Daughter Mrs Bagshaw for her life and at her death to my Kinsman Thomas Langley Son of William Langley of Thornscow in Co Yorke Gent and the heirs of said Thomas for ever paying and I hereby charge the premises with £100. to my Godson Thomas Nuttall son of Nathan Nuttall of Elton afd in 12 months after said Tho. Longley shall come to said premises. And as concerning all said Copyhold lands after death of said Mrs Bagshaw without lawfull Issue as aforesaid I devise the same to her right heirs for ever she paying £400 to my Sister Cromptons children and their representatives equally amongst them And if my said daughter has a Son or Sons who shall be Inheritable by virtue of the Limitation aforsaid before he is let into possession at 21 he shall pay my said Granddaughter £500 for her own use and benefit and also if more sons and daughters then one £500 more equally amongst them out of said premises "And as touching the before mentioned freehold messuage and tenement with the appurtenances called Roydes in Oldham Parish aforesaid I give and devise one Annuity or Yearly Rent of £3. of lawful money unto Lambert Fletcher of Tottington, Thomas Wood of Mill House and the before named Thomas Baron and to the Owners for the time being of my Capital Messuage in Tottington their heirs and Assigns for ever to be yearly issuing and going out of the last mentioned freehold premises called Roydes aforesaid payable at Martinmas and Ladyday by equal portions or in 20 Days clear of all deductions and reprises whatsoever with power of distress as aforesaid upon the Trusts hereinafter declared (viz) for the Teaching and Instructing of Eight such Poor Children Inhabiting in Tottington aforesaid to read English in the said New Erected School there as the said Trustees last named or the major part of them shall for this purpose from time to time nominate and appoint. And for the Buying of Bookes for the said Poor Children out of the surplus of the said Yearly Rent if any such Surplusage shall

remain"

"Item. I give and devise one other Annuity or Yearly Rent of £3. of like money (over and above the Yearly Rent of 40s. which is already due and payable to Oldham Schools) to be yearly issuing and going and payable at the Rent days aforesaid clear of all reprises out of the said last mentioned messuage and tenement unto Benjamin Gregg of Chamber Esq. Samuel Sidebottom, Clerk, Rector of Middleton, Benjamin Dawson of Oldham John Starkey of Rochdale Gent. and to the owners of my Capital Messuage called Horsedge in Oldham Parish aforesaid and their heirs for ever with such or the like remedies in case of Nonpayment as are herein before mentioned upon the Trusts hereinafter declared viz for the Teaching of Eight such other Poor Children inhabiting in the said Town of Oldham and Holebottom to read English in the said Schoole there as the said last named Trustees or the major part of them shall for this purpose from time to time nominate and appoint And for Buying of Books for the said last mentioned 8 poor Children out of the overplus of the same Yearly Rent (if any be) And it is my will and mind further that at such time and times and at all times for ever hereafter so often as the number of the said Trustees hereby named to take care of the said respective annuities or Charitys shall happen to be but only two or fewer in number for each or either of the said Charitys it shall and may be lawfull unto and for the survivor or survivors of the Trustees for the said respective Charitys for the time being to Elect and nominate so many other persons as shall make up the then surviving Trustees five or more for each of the said Charities which new Elected Trustees and the survivors of them shall from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter together with the then surviving old Trustees be employed and concerned in all and every the Trusts relating to the Charitys for which they shall be so Elected in such manner and for such purposes as are herein before mentioned.

PROVIDED and it is my WILL further that ye Ellection of Trustees for the said Charitys the heirs for the time being of my Estate at Horsedge shall always be Elected for Oldham Charity And in like manner the heirs or possessors of my Estate for the time being shall allways be Elected for Tottington Charity."

And concerning the Freehold and inheritance of the last mentioned Messuage called Roydes charged as aforesaid I devise the same to Margaret Bagshaw my Grand daughter for ever.

And whereas I am seized or possessed of severall leasehold premises in Bury or Bury Parish aforesaid held under the Earl of Derby I give and devise the same and the use of my household Goods unto Elianor my wife for her life and after her decease I give the said leasehold premises to my daughter Mrs Bagshaw for the remainder of my terms And all my household goods and all the rest of my personalty I give to my Daughter and Granddaughter equally between them, my Granddaughter out of her moiety and out of the first profits of the Copyhold and freehold Messuages devised to her as aforesaid paying all my debts (if any be) 40s. to the Poor of Tottington and the like sum to the Poor of Oldham and 20s. to the Poor of Bury and also paying my Funeral expenses and £5 a piece to the before named Richard Rothwell Tho. Baron and Nathaniel Nuttall for their labour and trouble in my affairs and I nominate them and my wife Elianor Executors.

In witness &c the day and year first written

Signed

THOMAS NUTTALL
his × mark

Witnesses

James Battersby
James Whitehead
Robert Siddall

Indorsed—Mr Elliott Solicitor Rochdale Agent of Robt Radclyffe Esqre who is owner of the Estates pays the £2 £3 and £3 (about 1820)

Saturday, January 26th, 1889.

NOTES.

[224.] ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.

(*Continued.*)

The Rev. Thomas Lloyd Knapp, M.A., of St. John's College, Oxford, is the present (January, 1889) vicar. We may here just notice that so far the presentations to St. James's have all been to Oxford men. Mr. Knapp came from St. Mary's, Hulme, Manchester, in May, 1878. He is doing good work in his parish, and showing his love for the church over which he has charge in a most liberal and substantial manner. An infant's classroom was added to the schools in 1882. In 1883 a quasi-chancel, with oaken stalls for the choir and a fine carved litany desk, on which is embossed "Spare Thy people O Lord," was made. The work was executed by the Messrs. Shaw, of St. Chad's, Uppermill, Saddleworth, the cost, which was about £500, being defrayed by the vicar. He has also spent a considerable sum on the vicarage. On St. Barnabas's day, June 11th, 1884, a branch church, St. Barnabas, was opened in Rock Marsh-street, a street off Lees-road. Service is held therein on Sunday evenings. Service is also held in the schoolroom in Stoneleigh-street on Sunday afternoons. In 1886 a choir vestry was built on the south side of the tower, and in 1888 a vestry for the clergy on the north side. The latter is cased with fine pitch-pine, the floor being laid with solid blocks of deal. A piscina for the use of the clergy is let into one of the walls, and iron fireproof safes are provided in which to keep the registers and other valuables belonging to the church. These vestries have also been built at the expense of the vicar. The donatives to the church in addition to those already mentioned are numerous and costly, including a legacy of £50 per annum given by the first incumbent, the Rev. William Fullerton Walker. This money goes towards defraying the churchwardens' expenses. In the chancel are

three stained-glass windows of two lights each, the gift of the Messrs. Radcliffe Brothers. The subject of the central window is the Crucifixion and Ascension of Christ, and is given "to the glory of God, in affectionate remembrance of Samuel Radcliffe, of Lowerhouse, and Mary, his wife." The subjects of the other two are the four Evangelists, the one on the right bearing the superscription:—"In commemoration of Sarah, wife of Samuel; Elizabeth, wife of Josiah; and Sarah Sidebottom, wife of John Radcliffe. The other one, left, is "In memory of Betty, daughter of Samuel and Mary Radcliffe, and Miles, their son, and Ann, his wife; also of Elizabeth, wife of Joshua Radcliffe." The artists are the Messrs. Shaw, of St. Chad's, Saddleworth. The pulpit, which is of carved oak, is the gift of the late John Platt, Esq., M.P. for Oldham. It may be of interest to some of our readers to know that John "set up house," or began his married life, in this parish, viz., at Number 8, Huddersfield-road, now the Miners' Arms beerhouse, and it was in this house Colonel Platt first saw the light of day. The lectern, also of polished oak, was presented to the church by Mrs. Josiah Radcliffe, now of North Wales. The font, which is of Caen stone, is likewise the gift of the Radcliffe family, and has the following inscription round its base:—"This font was erected by the family of Josiah Radcliffe, of Werneth Park, Oldham, in affectionate remembrance of their mother, who died April 2nd, 1856." A beautifully embroidered silk-velvet altar-cloth is the gift of the congregation, and a still more costly and superb one is the present of Miss Agnes Greaves. The communion-plate is an Easter offering, 1838, by the congregation, supplemented later by a solid silver almsdish, an offering of the Rev. T. L. Knapp and a few friends. An exquisitely illaminated and unique "office book" for the altar is also the gift of Mr. Knapp. Two gas standards for the chancel are the gift of Josiah Radcliffe, Esq. They

were purchased at the Crystal Palace Exhibition of 1851, and were made by the Messrs. Shaw, of St. Chad's, Saddleworth. Two banners for chancel are the gift of Mrs. Greaves. The bell in the tower has a peculiar interest for the antiquarian, as it is one of a peal of six (rung for the first time on the 4th of March, 1722) which belonged to St. Mary's, or the old parish church, prior to its rebuilding 1828-30. It bears the date, 1722, and the inscription, "Thomas Bent, John Wild, George Travis, James Scholes, churchwardens." A marble tablet on the south wall of the church is "Sacred to the memory of Sarah Sidebottom, wife of John Radcliffe, of Birch House, Lees." It is only by such cenotaphs, and the placing of stained windows in our places of public worship, now that cemeteries are the chief places of sepulture, that families can continue their connection with them, and carry such bonds of union into the coming ages. But even this mode of living into the future must have its limits, for what is given as a privilege to the few will be demanded as a right by all the members of a congregation. Mr. J. Clafton is organist, and displays his well-known musical taste and ability on his beloved instrument as the weeks go round. He was appointed October, 1862, and played for the first time on the first Sunday in November of the same year. His predecessor was Mr. Richard Greaves, who died in July, 1862. The present organ was built in 1872, by the Messrs. Hill and Sons, London, and was opened by Mr. Clafton on the 21st of April, 1872. On the day following, the 22nd, Mr. W. T Best gave a recital on it. In 1885 a new organ-chamber was built at the north-east corner of the church, and the organ was removed thereto, several additions being put to it. It was re-opened on the 22nd November, 1885. The instrument is a powerful one, consisting of the following parts:—

GREAT ORGAN.	SWELL ORGAN.
Bourdon	Bourdon
Open Diapason	Open Diapason

Cone Gamba
Stopt Diapason
Wald Flute
Principal
Twelfth
Fifteenth
Mixture
Trumpet

CHOIR ORGAN.

Open Diapason, presented by S. R. Platt, Esq.
Dulciana
Salcional, presented *Anon* through the Vicar
Vox Celeste, presented by the Messrs. Joseph B. and George Swailes
Gedact
Stuhe Flute
Gemshorn
Flautina
Clarionet

Salcional
Stopt Diapason
Leibliich Flute
Principal
Fifteenth
Mixture
Oboe
Cornepean
Clarion

PEDAL ORGAN.

Open Diapason
Bourdon
Flute, Bass, presented by Joshua Radcliffe, Esq.
Violincello
Trombone
Couplers, &c
Swell to Great
Swell to Choir
Great to Pedal
Tremulant to Swell

Three Composition Pedals to Great
Two Composition Pedals to Swell

Cost of the organ now nearly £1,500. The choir still keeps up its character for the excellence of its singing. It is now a surpliced one. Choirmaster, Mr. J. Clifton; librarian, Mr. R. Whitworth; secretary, Mr. J. W. Whitworth. The principal singers are the Messrs. Ralph Whitworth and Robert L. Whittaker, tenor; Alfred Norbury, alto; and James Acton, bass. The vicar is assisted in his labours by two curates, viz., the Rev. Edward William Robert Hutchinson, late of Leeds, and the Rev. Harold William Johnson, B.A. The churchwardens are Mr. James Haworth, vicar's; and Mr. Joseph Holt, people's; sidesmen, Mr. Robert Schofield and Mr. J. Pass. Mr. W. Whittaker, of 83, Huddersfield-road, is clerk. Mr. A. H. Johnson is superintendent of the boys' school, Mr. W. Lawless of the girls',

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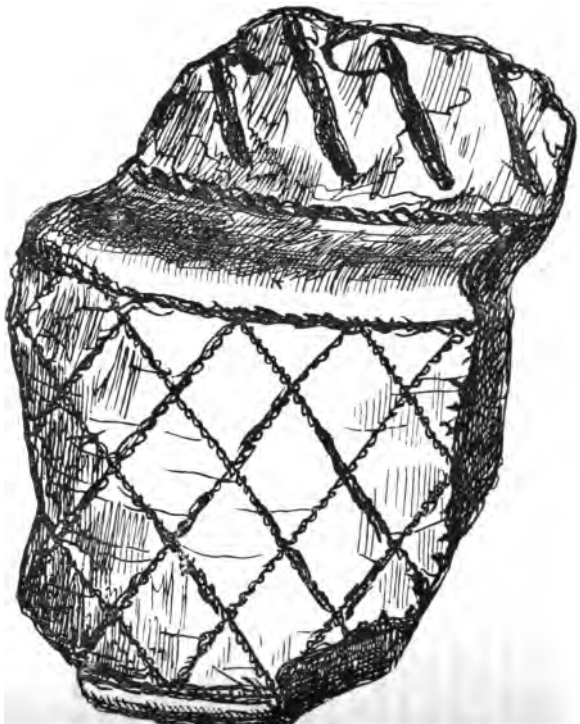

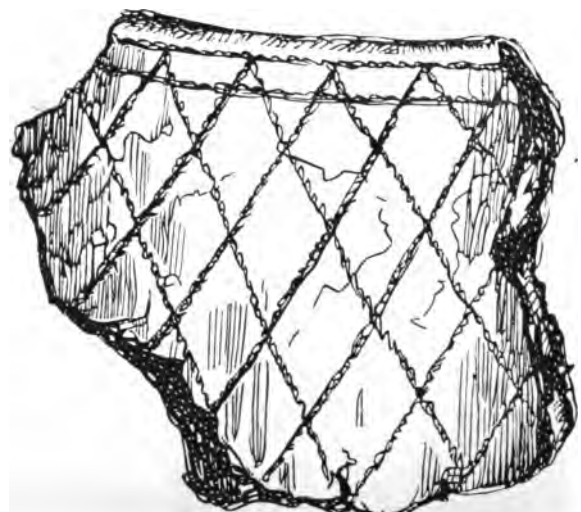

URNS DISCOVERED IN SADDLEWORTH IN 1844.

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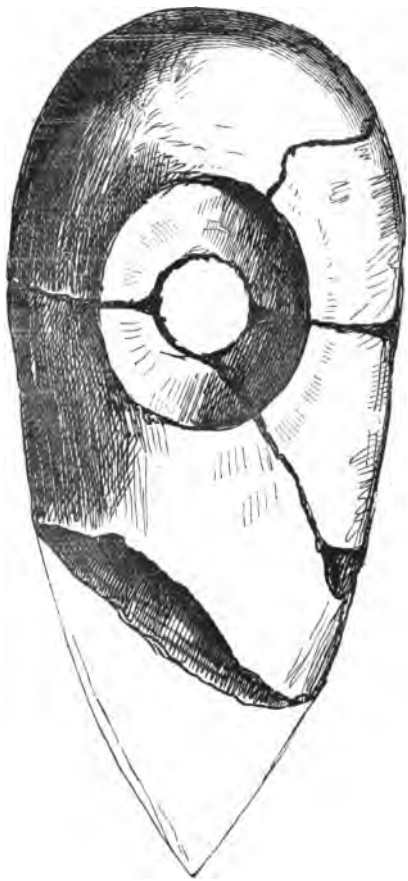

CELT DISCOVERED IN SADDLEWORTH IN 1844.

and Mr. B. Euston of the infants'. At St. Barnabas' School Mr. J. F. Andrew is the superintendent. There is a good library of 1,500 volumes in connection with the Sunday schools; librarian, Mr. S. Gartside. Also a Sick and Burial Society, the present worth of which is £1,751; Mr. Frank Lees secretary. The master of the boys' day school is Mr. J. W. Taylor; mistress of girls, Miss Lucas; and Miss J. Sutcliffe mistress of the infants. Efforts are being made to raise funds for the cleaning and decorating of the church, and this not before the work is greatly needed. On Sunday afternoon, October 28th, 1888, the oratorio of "Judas Maccabæus" was ably given by the Oldham Philharmonic Society for this purpose, when a sum of over £20 was raised. The soloists were Miss E. Turner, soprano; Miss Chadwick, R.A.M., contralto; Mr. R. L. Whittaker, tenor; and Mr. A. S. Kinnel, of the Manchester Cathedral, bass. It now remains for the parishioners and congregation to take up and carry out this necessary work, and back up the generous spirit displayed by the Rev. T. L. Knapp, the vicar, in the great liberality he has shown for the success and cause of their church, and to support him in his laudable desire to take out the old horse-boxy and sleep-producing pews, and supply their places with light, airy stalls. The Church of St. James will then be second to none in Lancashire, and certainly a place big enough for a modern cathedral.

(*Continued.*)

Saturday, February 2nd, 1889

NOTES.

[285.] CELT AND URNS DISCOVERED IN SADDLEWORTH IN 1844.

In the Raines MS. *j* are drawings of the Celt and portions of the Urns. Copies of the same are on the other side.

j Vol. xxiv., p. 287.

The following are extracts from a letter to James Dearden, Esq., F.S.A., of Rochdale, by George Shaw, Esq., of Saddleworth, containing an account of the discovery of certain urns at Brownhill, May, 1844. Also some further particulars of the same discovery communicated to Edward Holme, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., of Manchester :—

Upon my arrival at home last night I was told that some men employed in a stone quarry a short distance from our house had discovered "the bones of a child in a jar, and with them the hammer with which the child had been murdered." I immediately suspected this to have been an ancient British interment by cremation, and the subsequent arrival of my father with some pieces of urns of partially burnt clay and calcined bones confirmed my impression. This morning I visited the spot, a stone quarry situated on the edge of a small hill or knoll called "Brownhill," and the discovery appears to have been made by the men clearing away a portion of turf or soil for a further "fall" of stone.

The urns—for I find there were two of them—lay about 4 feet apart and some 18 or 20 inches from the surface in a sort of bed of partially burnt wood, with the *mouths uppermost*, and covered with stones.

Unlike most such interments, there was no pavement for the urns to rest upon, or Cist vaen for their reception, but they were evidently deposited in a small circular hollow without any other preparation save the bed of charcoal.

In the one was a stone celt, or, as the workmen called it, "a boldering hammer made of bouther," broken in three pieces, perhaps by the action of the fire.

When the men first discovered the urns they supposed them to contain money, and very patiently dug them out without damage, but upon discovering nothing but remains of bone they threw them and their contents into the quarry, and consequently they became a mass of confused frgaments.

The celt is said to be carried off by one of the men to Stalybridge.

It is needless to tell you that, judging from the rude nature of the urns and the presence of the stone hammer or celt, instead of the more usual brass celts and pieces of weapons of iron, this interment evidently appertains to a period considerably before the invasion of this island by the Romans.

I send you some remains of the bones, a bit of the jar sufficient to show its material and workmanship, and also a sketch inside as well as outside of the largest piece I have so far met with. The ornamental lines appear to be impressions from some species of cord or string drawn tightly over the urn and pressed upon the damp clay.

I will not enter into a lengthened discussion as to whether burial by cremation was introduced into this country by the Phenicians, or as to the probability of this stone celt bearing any affinity to the weapons of flint with which Joshua circumcised the Israelites at Gilgal, and which are said to have been buried with his body in the tomb; but I may as well add that within the memory of my grandmother Radcliffe, now 85, a pile of loose stones stood upon this spot, which the country people durst, upon no consideration, remove, believing that upon their existence in their then shape depended the quietness of some terrific supernatural being supposed to have been laid beneath them.

I send you a rough sketch of the flint celt found in the larger urn. The relic is, as you will perceive, in a number of pieces and of a rude form. Nothing more has been found since. I think I named to Mr. Dearden that the urns were found about 18 or 20 inches below the surface, but upon revisiting the spot I found it nearer 4ft. 6in., my mistake arising from the circumstance of the surface of the earth having been removed prior to the excavation which produced the discovery.

June 17, 1844.

Dr. Holme.

[286.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.
Marriages 1656
(*Continued.*)

John Leese Yeoman Sonne of Sam: Leese of Parke wthin the pish of Ouldham Deceased and Mary Clegge Doughter of Robt Clegge of Halfould wthin Whittworth in the Parish of Rachdale yeoman weare Published 3 Seuerall lords Dayes within the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exercise vizt one the 7th of September and one the 14th and one the 21th of September and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide intended mariage And the Abouenamed paons weare Maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 25th of September 1656 in Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse
James Leese
Lawrance Leese

John Ouldham of Glodwicke within the parish of Ouldham and Countye of Lancaster husbandman and Alis wood of Stonebreaks Clough in the parish of Sadleworth and Countye of Yorke spinster both aboue ye age of One and Twentye yeares weare published three seuerall lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exercise vizt one the 28th of September ye 5th of October and the 12th of October 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the saide intended Mariage And the abouenamed persons weare maried at Berch Hall by Thomas Berch Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster this 13th Day of October Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name There was 2 certificates at this mariage one from Sadleworth the other from Ouldham

THO: BERCHE

Wittnesse
John Lomax
Marke Neile = Regester

Raphe Jackson Sonne of John Jackson of Ould-

ham Deceased and Judith Boulton Doughter of Henry Boulton both within the Same both abone the age of One and Twentye yeares weare published three senerall Lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Merainge Exercise vizt one the 26th of October and one the 2th of Nouember and one the 9th of Nouember 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage And the abouenamed persons were maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this County of Lancaster this 18th Day of Nouember 1656 Jn Teastemony Whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse
John Jackson,
Daniell Jackson.
Henry Boulton.

Robert Duckworth webster Sonne of John Duckworth within Chadderton and Mary Smethurst spinster Doughter of Edward Smethurst of Leese hale both Jnhabitants within the parish of Ouldham weare published three Senerall lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exercise vizt one the 9th of Nouember and one 16th and one the 23d of Nouember 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage and the persons abone named weare maried at Manchester by Richard Haworth Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 26th of Nouember 1656 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

RI: HAWORTH

wittnesse
Edward Smethurst
John Duckworth—Robt Hide

Edmund Wild of Crompton and Alis Wellinden of the same both abone the age of one and Twentye yeares both inhabitants within the Parish of Ouldham weare Published three senerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham vizt one the 11th of January and one the 18th and one the 25th of

January 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide intended mariage and the aboue named peone were maried at Hopwood by Edmund Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster this 27th Day of January 1656 Jn Teastemony whereof he hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse

Richard Wolfenden, father
Raphe Webbe Register Marke Neild

Lawrance Lease of Parke and Anne Taylor of Crompton both Jnhabitants within the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of one and Twentye yeares Weare Published in three seuerall seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham vizt one the 18th and one the 25th of Januarie and one the first day of februarie 1656 and none hath obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended mariage And the Aboue named peons Weare maried at Manchester by Lawrance Rastorne Esqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this County of Lancaster the 7th of february 1656 Jn Teastemony whereof he hath Subscribed his name

L RAWSTORNE

wittnesse

James Leese Brother
Thomas Wild
John Whittaker

G. SHAW.

Saturday, February 9th, 1889.

NOTES.

[287.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Burialls 1656

Gatne wife of James Hudson of Crompton buried the 26th of March 1656

Thomas Scholes of flauleach buried 26th day of March

Aprill

Abraham Wild of Northmore buried the 2th Day of Aprill

Robert Bageley buried the Eight Day of Aprill

Thomas Sonne of Luke Hallowes buried the 8th Day of Aprill

Margrett Wife of Samuell Roads of Greenakers buried the 10th Day

Anne Wife of John Scholes of ffauleach buried the 17th Day

Mary Doughter of Robt Leese of Broadbent buried 3th Day of May

Mary Buckley of Reezecroft in Crompton buried the 13th Day of May

John Sonne of Joseph hill buried the 6th Day of May 1656

allso Mary wife of John Soundeforth of Copster hill

A Child of Will Scholes of Lower house buried the 17th of May 1656

John Worrall of greeneakers More buried the 19th of may 1656

Thomas Ogden Sonne of francis Ogden buried the 22th May

June

Margret Wife of Daniell Leese of Leese buried the 3th of June

Ester Doughter of John Barlow of Coohill buried the 6th of June

Effam wife of Simeon Kershaw of Crompton buried the 24th of June 1656

Edmund Cocker of Shouer buried the 24th of June

Jane wife of Edmund Mellor of Dry Clough buried the 25th of June

Sara Doughter of John Hillton of High Crompton buried the 26th of June

Jsaabell wife of Edmund Cocker of Shouer buried the 30th of June

John Hartley of hollenwood buried the 14th of June

July

A Child of Joseph Wild of Cowlishaw buried the

9th of July

A Child of Richard Hopwood of Horshedge buried the 2th of July

John Sonne of Marke Whythead of Thelemore buried 20th July

July

Sara Doughter of James Colinge of High Crompton buried the 29th of July 1656

August

Mary Doughter of Arthur Hopkin buried 5th of August

A Child of James Colinge of Crompton buried 11th of August

Mary Doughter of John Kenion of Ryton buried the 12th of August

A Child of Thomas Berry buried buried the of August

Dorethe wife of John Worrall of high Crompton buried the 30th of August

Jacob Sonne of John Mar of Chaderton buried the 31st of August

September 1656

Edmund Taylor of Newearth buried the 11th of September

Sussanna wife of John Moor buried the 18th Day of September

Katheren wife of Edm: Radcliffe buried the 26th of September

October

Anne Hale of Chaderton milne buried the 1th of October 1656

Edmund Hale of Chaderton milne buried the 15th of October 1656

October Nouember

Alis Hillton Doughter of Daniell Hilton of high Crompton buried the 25th Day of October

Elizabeth Doughter of John Breareley of Crompton buried the 11th of Nouember

Lettis wife of Raphe Whythead of Chadderton buried the 17th Day of Nouember 1656

Mary Doughter of John Chadderton of hollins buried ye 27th Day

Desember 1656

Adam Woolfenden of holinwood buried 1th of Desember

Sara Doughter of James Leese of this Toune buried 2th of Desember

John Hillton of high Crompton buried the 13th of Desember

Miles Andrew of strines in Yorkeshire buried the 22th of December

Grace wife of Ambrose Jackson buried the 23th of December

January

John Whittaker of Northmore Junier buried the first Day

Sara Doughter of John Leese of Crompton buried 1th Day

James Sonne of James Wild of Mossegate in Crompton buried the 2th Day

John Sonne of John Breareley of Whittfeild buried the 4th Day

A Sonne of Adam Clegge of Crompton buried the 9th Day

Mary Doughter of John Mellor of Ryton buried the 21th Day

Mary Whythead of this toune buried the 23d Day of January

ffeb

John Sonne of James Leese buried the 21th of february

March

Mary wife of James Collinge buried the 15th March

A Child of Joseph Hill buried the 2th Day of March

Anne wife of George Scholes buried the 18th Day of March

alsoe a Child of Mary Whytheads

A Child of James Bardsleyes of Greenakers buried the 19th Day

James Leese of Greenakers buried the 23d Day of March 1656

G. SHAW.

[288.] WILL OF THE REV. JOHN HALLIWELL, M.A., CURATE OF OLDHAM CHURCH, 1730.

From the Raines' MSS.k

5 July 1730

Last Will of John Halliwell Clerk M A of Oldham Co Lancr Body to be buried in the Chancel of Oldham Church To my Nephew Robert Halliwell Son of my brother William Halliwell my Silver Tobacco Box 2 Silver Spoons 2 Silver Salts and 2 Silver Watches To my Nieces Mary and Ann Halliwell my said brothers daughters 2 Silver Spoons Each to Poor People of Oldham £5. To my brother William Halliwell all my goods &c at Tunley devised to me by the Will of my Father Robert Halliwell To John Halliwell of Liverpool, sailor £20 if he be living and comes to demand it All the residue of my goods and Chattels to my loving wife Mary Halliwell and I devise to her All my Messuages in Greenacres and Saddleworth for her life the reversion to Robert Halliwell my Nephew: charged with £100 to my niece the said Mary Halliwell and £100 to my Niece Anne. Wife sole Executrix

Signed

JOHN HALLIWELL.

Witnesses

Thomas Nield
Thoph. Ogden
Edmd Radcliffe

Proved at Chester 15 Decr 1731

Sworn before
Roger Bolton Surrogate

[289.] WILL OF EDMUND LANGLEY, PARISH CLERK OF OLDHAM, 1592.

From the Raines' MSS. l

24 Nov 1592

Last Will of Edmund Langley of Oldham Co Lancr Clerk—to be buryed in the Church Yard of Oldham near to the Steple Syde

I give to Robert Langley my younger son my Housing and grooundes by the lawful favour of my good Master and Landlord and I beseech my right worshipfull Master Mr. Asheton of Chaderton and

k Vol. xxvij., p. 246. l Vol. xxvij., p. 112.

Mr. Hunte Minister and all the residue of the gentlemen of the parish that my sayd Son Robert may alsoe supplie the office and enjoye the benefitt of the Clerkshipp

My younger Children to bo kept and maintained with Robert as my good Master shall think fitt for eight years — Robert — Elizabeth — Margaret and Alice—my six children Roger Anne Robert—Elizabeth Margarett—Alice—Robert Brearley and John Jackson Senr Exors Mr. Tetlowe of Coldhurst my Landlord Supervisor

Witnesses

John Tetlowe gent
Tho: Turnough
Ottiwell Bradbury

Inventory made in Decr 1592

Saturday, February 16th, 1889.

NOTES.

[290.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptisms 1657

Jane Doughter of Edmund Garside borne the 19th Day of March baptised the 24th of the Same 1657

Rebeccah Doughter of James Whythead of Coehill borne 22th Day of March 1656 baptisd the 29th of the same 1657

Anna Doughter of ffrancis Schoffeild within the parish of Assheton vnderline borne the 18th of march baptisd 24th

Aprill 1657

Myles base Sonne of Henry Greaue borne the 14th Day of March 1656 baptisd the 12th of Aprill 1657

John Sonne of Edm: Mathew of Thelemore borne the 6th of Aprill baptised the 12th of the Same

Helen Doughter of James Breareloy borne the 19th of Aprill baptisd the 26th of the Same

John Sonne of John Leese of Austerlands baptisd the 26th of Aprill

Elizabeth Doughter of Edm: Crompton baptisd the 26th of Aprill

May 1657

John Sonne of John Wild of Greeneakers more borne the 9th of may baptisd the 10th of the Same

Susanna Doughter of John Ogden of Humphrey lane borne the Second of may baptisd the 19th of the Same

Martha Doughter of John Halkard baptisd the 17th of may

John Sonne of James Leese in Assheton parish borne the 14th baptisd the 17th of May

Mary Doughter of Edmund Dison of Leese in Assheton parish baptisd the 24th Day of May

James Sonne of James Thorpe of Ryton borne the 13 of May baptisd the 24th of the Same

June 1657

Edmund Sonne of Edmund Wild of Northmore borne the 1th of June baptisd the 7th of the Same

Mary Doughter of John Mellor of Baregapgate borne the 28th of May baptisd the 7th of June

John Sonne] of Will Taylor of Robuckloe berne the 2th of June baptisd the 7th of the same

Richard Sonne of Edmund Taylor of Dercarr borne the 7th of June baptisd the 14th of the same

Anne Doughter of Michaell Morehouse borne the 10th Day baptisd the 14th of the Same

Sara Doughter of Raphe Sandeforth of hollenwood borne the 6th Day baptisd 14th

Mary Doughter of Jsaake Hill of Ryton borne the 1th of June baptisd the 14th of the Same

Ann Doughter of James Roades borne the of June batisd the 21th of June

Martha Doughter of Sam: Knott borne the 14th of June baptisd the 21th of June

Rebecca base Doughter of Susanna halkard by James Meall baptised the 21th day ·

July 1657.

Thomas Sonne of Thomas Winterbothom of

Leese borne the 31th of June batised the 5th of July.

Mathew Sonne of Thomas Haigh of Leese baptisd the 8th Day

James Sonne of James Kenion of Glodwick borne the 4th Day of July baptisd the 12th day

Sara Daughter of Jaaake Leese of Leese in Assheton parish borne the 9th Day of July baptised the 12th of the Same

Titus Sonne of Edmund Langley borne the 5th Day baptisd the 19th of the Same

Sarah Doughter of Richard Hopwood of hershedge baptisd the 26th of July

August

Abraham Sonne of Abraham Taylor of Thalemege borne the 22th of July baptisd the 9th of August

Lawrance Sonne of Raphe Jacson of this Toune borne the 27th of July baptisd the 9th of August

James Sonne of John Buckley baptised the 30th of July

John Sonne of John Ogden of Chadderton borne the 19th Day of August baptised at Midleton the 30th of August

Debora Doughter of Thomas Crompton borne the 23th of August baptised the 6th of September 1657

September 1657

James Sonne of James Leese borne the 3d of September baptised the 20th of the Same

Jane Doughter of James hale of Greenakers borne the 4th of Septembr baptisd the 20th of the Same

Peeter Sonne of Edmund Cocker baptised the 27th Day of Septembr

October

Anna Doughter of Edmund Goddard borne the 1th of October baptised the 4th of the Same

John Sonne of James Breareley of Doghill borne the 2d day of October baptised the 11th Day

Henry Sonne of Mr Will Bane of this Toune borne the 7th Day baptised the 18th of the Same

Charles Sonne of George Wolsencroft borne the

10th Day baptised the 18th of the Same

Anne Doughter of Raphe Jackson borne the 7th Day baptised the 18th of the Same

Joseph Sonne ot Joseph widdall baptised the 27th Day

Nouember

Jsaake Sonne of Abraham Taylor of Glodwicke borne the 17th of October baptised the first Day of Nouembr

John Sonne of John Leese of Austerlands borne the 26th of October baptised the 1th Day of Nouember

Susanna Doughter of Thomas stayley borne the 28th of October baptised baptised the 8th of Nouember

George Sonne of George hale baptised the 8th Day

Raphe Sonne of Raphe Travis borne the 11th Day of Nouembr baptised the 15th Day

Desember

Elizabeth Doughter of Simeon Kershaw borne the first Day baptised the 13th of the Same

John Sonne of James Leese borne the 3d Day of Decembr baptised the 13th of the Same

James Sonne of James Newton of this Towne borne the 15th of December baptised the 20th of the Same

Januarie 1657

Abell and Sarah Chilldren of Abell Breareley of hollinwood baptisd the 3d Day

Elizabeth Doughter of Robt Marler borne the 6th Day baptisd the 17th of the Same

Thomas Sonne of Thomas Jackson of this Toune borne the 13th of Januarie baptised the 24th of the same

John Sonne of James Clayton baptisd the 31th of Januarie 1657

ffebruarie

Joshua Sonne of George Andrew baptisd the 7th of ffebruary

Robert base Sonne of Henry Meall by Judith Liptrot baptised the 14th Day

John Sonne of John Saxon of ffoxdenton baptised the 21th Day

James Sonne of John Buckley of the Parish of Assheton vnderline baptisd the 21th Day

Henerie Sonne of Robt Breareley of Leese in Asheton pish borne the 20th of februarie baptised the 28th Day

Elizabeth Doughter of Edward Smith of this Toune baptisd the 28th Day

Joseph Sonne of Joseph Clegge of Shouer baptisd the 28th Day of ffeb

James Sonne of James Leese baptisd the 28th of ffebruarie

March 1657

James Sonne of James Wolsnam of Thelemore borne the 26th of ffebruary baptisd the 7th of March

Robert Sonne of John Collenge baptisd the 7th Day

James Sonne of James Hopwood of this Toune borne the 5th of March baptisd the 14th Day of the Same

Rebecca Doughter of Robt Thorpe of Hathershaw baptisd the 14th Day

Mary Doughter of Daniell Jackson of this Toune baptisd the 14th Day

John Sonne of Thomas Leese of Newrode baptisd the 14th Day

Sara Doughter of John Leese baptised the 21th Day of March

James Sonne of James Ogden baptisd the 21th Day

Sara Doughter of John Knott baptisd the 21th Day

G. SHAW.

Saturday, February 23rd, 1889.

NOTES.

[291.] ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.

(*Continued.*)

Since we began to collect these notes on the church and parish of St. James—a collection which has taken no little time and labour, inasmuch as but few written or printed records of their early history have been available, and finding as we proceeded that

"The leaves of memory seemed to make
A mournful rustling in the dark"

among some of those old and willing friends whom we consulted—we have been favoured with the loan of a copy of the programme which was used at the stonelaying of the church. We have great pleasure in giving a *verbatim* copy of it. And, here, we wish to give our best thanks to those friends who have helped us in this attempt to add another chapter to the church history of our native town.

Order of
PROCESSION
At the laying of Ceremonial Stone of
ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,
GREENACRES MOOR, OLDHAM,
On Monday, the 3rd of September, 1827.

THE DEPUTY CONSTABLE.
The Children of the Sunday Schools.
THE BAND.
Mr. PATTISON Carrying the Cushion and Silver Trowel.
Mr. PATTISON, Junr.. Carrying the Triangle and Mallet.
Mr. WHIPP (Superintendent of the works) Carrying the Silver Square.
Mr. GOODWIN (the Architect) Carrying the Plans.
Mr. PIGOT, Carrying the Plate with the Inscription.
Mr. ENOCH DUNKERLEY with the Vase and Coins.
Mr. WRIGLEY, the Beadle.

THE CHURCH-WARDEN.
THE HEAD CONSTABLES.
THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.
The CLERGY of the Town and Neighbourhood.
The Loyal and Indepentent (*sic*) Order of Odd-Fellows.
The Royal Foresters.
Brethren of the Orange Lodges.
Messrs. Chadwick and Walton, beadles.

Form of
Laying the FIRST STONE
of the
NEW CHURCH
at
GREENACRES MOOR.

When the procession is arrived on the ground, the trumpet will sound and all gentlemen are requested to take off their hats.

First.—The SINGERS will commence with the Old Hundredth Psalm, "All people that on earth do dwell," &c.

Second.—The STONE will be laid by James Lees, Esq., of Clarksfield.

Third.—The Rev. J. Fallowfield will read the form of prayer; after which the following verses will be sung:—

Tune, Derby.

O Lord, send out Thy light and truth,
And lead us with Thy grace,
Which may conduct us to Thy hill,
And to Thy dwelling place.

Let Thy bright rays upon us shine,
Give Thou our work success;
The glorious work we have in hand,
Do Thou vouchsafe to bless.

Then shall we to Thy altar go,
With joy to worship there;
And on our harps give thanks to Thee,
O God, our God most dear.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Immortal glory be,
As was, and is, and shall be still,
To all eternity.

Fourth.—The BAND and SINGERS, joined by the AUDIENCE, will perform the National Anthem, "God Save the King," at the close of which will be

given four hearty cheers.

Last.—The PROCESSION will return to the place where it formed, and the committee beg to request the company will keep their stations until the procession return to the HAT and FEATHER.

D. Evans, printer, Church-street, Oldham.

W. B.

[292.] LOCAL HISTORICAL EVENTS IN 1830. Register of Oldham News, from Edwin Butterworth's MSS.

We bring before the notice of our readers a collection of local events which occurred over half a century ago, in the handwriting of Edwin Butterworth. The MSS. are contained in small memorandum books, over seventy in number, size 6½in. by 4in., and are lettered on the outer cover, "Register of Oldham News," "Oldham Reports," beginning 1830 and continuing to 1843, now preserved in the Free Reference Library, Union-street, Oldham. We hope to give extracts from them at various times.

March 8th, 1830.

STATE OF THE POOR WEAVERS.—It is really heart-rending to see the picture of awful misery displayed by the handloom weavers, the sallow cheek, the sunken eye, a ragged coat, and often without hat would form the portrafture of that artisan who, without clothing himself, contributes to the assistance of others. Such is the state to which this honourable class of men, who endure privations without parallel, are pitifully reduced. Such is the condition of the weavers of fustians, satteens, and all kinds of cotton. Suppose a person, who must indeed be an excellent and industrious workman, surrounded by a cluster of hungry urchins crying for bread, produce a cut or piece of satteen a fortnight. For this hard-earned, this piece of at least 32 yards in length, he receives a pittance betwixt 7 and 10 shillings for a fortnight's work. An able-bodied man with a family, obtaining only 3s. 6d., or at the best 5s., for a

week's labour, is nothing for neither himself nor family. Is it not high time for both artisan and master to unite, stand firm, and demand that which ought to give once free Britons bread, a repeal of the Corn Laws? Such is the lot of the cotton weaver, who at the best cannot get above 4d. or 5d. for a good day's work.

On Friday, the 5th inst., an inquest was held before Thos. Ferrand, Esq , of Rochdale, coroner, and a respectable jury, on view of the body of Bannister Clegg, a weaver of cotton, who, in a state of despair, drowned himself in a pit in Chadderton Park, near Oldham, at the Rose of Lancaster public-house, at Springwood, near the said town. Verdict accordingly.

On Friday, the 5th inst., a woman in Cannon-street, Oldham, having left her children locked up at home, a person passing by discovered one of the infants in flames, upon which it was rescued by the assistance of the neighbours, but died in a few hours afterwards. On Monday an inquest was held before Thos. Ferrand, Esq., of Rochdale, coroner, and a respectable jury, at the
Verdict, accidental death.

THE TRADE OF OLDHAM is at present lively. A slight advance has taken place upon fustians. The hatting branch has been somewhat disturbed by the attempt at Stockport to reduce wages; and the spinners are all at full work, quite in a different state of comfort from the dreadful situation of the handloom weavers.

NEW ROAD.—Application is being made to Parliament for an act to make a new road through Chadderton, so as to connect Royton, Shaw, Middleton, and Manchester by a nearer route. The petition has already received a great number of signatures.

ALARMING FIRE.—A most alarming fire took place at the Union Mill, Bottom of Greenacres Moor, on the night, or, rather, early in morning of the 2nd of April. The conflagration was so great at one time that an idea was

entertained by the spectators but that the whole of the building would have been destroyed by the devouring element. And as the hour was so early a considerable time had elapsed ere the surrounding inhabitants were aroused from their slumbers to behold the appalling scene. The fire engine, however, was promptly there on the alarm extending, and we are happy to say that the flames were arrested in their progress earlier than the beholders had anticipated, but not before very considerable damage was done to the machinery belonging to a person of the name of Newton (now in America) have been destroyed, and what renders the loss to the individual still greater, no part thereof had been insured.

APRIL 15.—On Thursday last the painting of the interior of Oldham Church was finished. A contract has been made for a clock to be lighted with gas and to face four ways, the cost of which is estimated at £400.

On Friday, the 16th inst., in the afternoon, awfully sudden, expired without any previous indisposition whatever, in her 15th year, Ann, the daughter of the late James Clegg, shopkeeper and carrier, Manchester-street, Oldham, and what is remarkable and ought to remind us how transitory is life, health, and all other died Betty Ferraday morning after same

Hollinwood Petty Sessions, April 19th, before the Rev. J. Holme.

A decent and good-looking woman next appeared before his Worship of the name of Martha Whithead complaining of a repetition of assaults on her person by one, Joseph Andrew, a surly, boorish-looking man, who approached the bar Quaker-like, not condescending to lower his sable topgallant till a bystander forcibly removed the irrevant shadow. The first assault was stated to have been made on her person on the night of the 5th of November last, and a latter and more aggravated one on Thursday, the 15th inst., on the highway. To corroborate the latter affray a

witness was called of the name of Betty Taylor, an apparently elderly-looking matron, who testified that he struck her and "*spun* her across the road." The magistrate questioned her as to the meaning of her Lancashire term "*spun*," which she certainly then made her best endeavour to explain, with the assistance of others, and that it was equivalent to the words "threw hastily." On the conclusion of the examination, however, it fully appeared his behaviour was most improper, and on the magistrates ordering his final committal he used some very rash and intemperate language, and was ordered away with hollow murmurs towards his prosecutors and the Bench.

Several friends, however, on his committal, endeavoured to soften his sentence, and seemed anxious to obtain bail for him, by representing him as labouring under abberations of mind at various times.

The remainder part of the cases appeared perfectly frivolous and unworthy our attention.

PETITION FOR SHORTER HOURS IN MILLS.—Saturday, May 1st, 1830, several petitions from Oldham were very numerously signed, praying that Government may restrict the hours of working in the day to 10½ hours, and to totally abolish running mills in the night. We are glad to perceive that the measure is highly approved by those who are the best to appreciate the result, the factory classes of Oldham and its vicinity.

BLUE COAT SCHOOL AND CHURCH.—The paragraphs inserted April 17th respecting the Blue Coat School and Church at Oldham were merely stated to be "rumours" without foundation circulated pretty freely. If these rumoured tales had been real facts, the attacks upon mere cursory remarks last Saturday would have been better and more kindly timed. They were stated to be rumours, and not facts, not facts, I reiterate again. Allow me to ask one question ye Oldhaminians, is it a fact or a rumour that the trustees for rebuilding Oldham Church have been two or three years in deciding who must construct their intended costly parish

organ, and have yet scarcely settled it owing to their own *interested end* and petty feuds?

A spirit of improving still prevails in the busy and flourishing town of Oldham; several buildings at Mill End, recently called the New Market, are in the act of being taken down, and rebuilt into large and elegant shops, to continue the line of High-street to the termination of Church-street.

It may not be generally known, tho' it is confidentially reported about Oldham, that the mother of our present distinguished secretary for the home department, the Rt. Hon. Robt. Peel, and wife of his father, Sir. Robt Peel, Bart., was brought up and spent the early part of her days at Chamber Hall, near Oldham, then the seat of the late Edward Gregg Hopwood, Esqr., of Hopwood.

INTENDED BURGLARY.—On the evening of last Tuesday but one, April 27th, several persons entered the house of Mr. Booth, the Dog Inn, Cowhill, within Chaddderton, near Oldham, and stayed there a very considerable time, in an apparently happy mood, drinking and carousing, till the time of the landlord's requesting their absence for the night. Having left the strangers in the taproom, he prepared for rest by locking up the rooms above, and several below stairs, but on reaching the bottom and again kindly asking his company to quit the house, he received a blow, and was struck almost insensible upon the ground; one of the previously jovial company had quitted by retreating through the back door. The noise occasioned by this bold attempt drew the next door neighbour to the assistance of Mr. Booth, who recovered during the time occupied by the insolent persons in precipitating a speedy retreat. Had not Mr. Booth (who was unfortunately alone) had the assistance of his neighbour, and previously locked up, it is likely that he would have been either mischievously hurt or murdered, and his house robbed to the extent of a few hundreds (the deposits of clubs, &c.), as it was evident the designs of the men were to commit, if possible, a most extensive burglary. They soon afterwards quitted the

neighbourhood, though a second attempt was made the same night to enter the house by the front door. Yet, fortunately, the eye of the before-mentioned neighbour being directed upon them, they made a speedy retreat.

Died, Mr. Thos. Cooper, manufacturer, of Royton, in an apoplectic fit. Much regretted.

ORGAN FOR ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.—Subscriptions for purchasing an organ to be placed in St. James's Church, Greenacres Moor, and also for erecting a free school at the same place, have lately met with considerable success.

OLDHAM FAIR.—On Monday last, May 3rd, the fair at Oldham was held and remarkably well thronged, partly owing to the fine weather. The attendance of shows, cattle, pigs, and above all handsome, fair, young, and old flocked to view the attractions of Oldham May fair.

OLDHAM MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Pursuant to notice, the Revs. Watson and Jordan delivered the introductory lecture to forming the Oldham Mechanics' Institute in the schoolroom, Domingo-street, on the evening of Monday last. It was well received throughout by a numerous and respectable audience, many of whom entered their names as members before leaving the room. The Rev. Watson explained the views, objects. . . . . progress of education, and was succeeded by Rev. —, Jordan, minister of the Oldham Baptists, who explained the nature and rules of the intended society, and was seconded by Mr. J. Bentley, a young man of talents and respectability, who invited the company to partake of the advantages which was so elaborately explained.

Saturday, March 2nd, 1889

NOTES.

[293.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Marriages 1657

Raphe Sandeforth and Anna neild weare Published three Seuerall Lordes Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham vizt one the 15th of march and one the 22th of march 1656 and one the 29th of March 1657 and none hath obiected against the Saide Jntended Mariage and the aboue named persons weare Maried at Manchester by Edm: Hopwood Esquire and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 30th Day March 1657 Jn Testamony Whereof hee hath hearevnto Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse
Abraham Breareley
Raphe Scholes
Abell Breareley

John Moade and Jane Braddley weare published three Seuerall Lordes Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham vizt one the 29th of March and one the 5th of Aprill and one the 12th of Aprill 1657 and none hath obiected agayust the Saide Jntended mariage and the persons aboue named weare Maried At Hopwood by Edm: Hopwood Esqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancr the 14th of Aprill 1657 Jn Testamony Whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Witness
Tohn Taylor
George Scholes

John Worrall and Mary Wild, widdow but inhabitants within the Parish of Ouldham and aboue the age of one and Twenty years weare Published three seurerall lords Days in the parish Church of Ouldham vizt one the 29th of March and one the 5th and one ye 12th of Aprill 1657 and none hath

obiected agaynst the Saide Jntended Mariage And the aboue named persons weare maried at Manchester by Lawrance Rawstorne Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 18th of Aprill 1657 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

L: RAWSTORNR

Witnesse

Jsaake worrall
Edm: Buckley
John hill
James hillton

Raphe Houlden and Elizabeth Buckley weare Published three seurrall Lordes Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham vizt one 5th of Aprill and one the 12th and one the 19th of Aprill 1657 and none hath obiected against against the Saide Jntended Mariage And the Abouemaned persons weare maried at Manchester by Richard Haworth Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 25th Day of Aprill Jn Teastemony whereof he hath Subscribed his name

RI: HAWORTH

Witnesse

John Houlden
James Houlden

Joseph Clegg and Alis Roades weare published 3 seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham vitz one the 5th of Aprill and one the 12th of Aprill and one the 19th of Aprill 1657 and none hath obiected against the saide Jntended Mariage and the Abeue named psons weare maried at Hopwood before Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 28th of Aprill Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse

francis Clege, father
Sam: Roads, father
ffrancis Clegg, Brother

Abrahan Wild and Anne Turner weare Pub

lished 3 seuerall Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham vizt one the 12th of Aprill one the 19th and one the 26th of Aprill 1657 and none hath obiected against the Saide Jntended Mariage And the Abouenamed psons Weare maried at Manchester before Richard haworth Essqr and one of the Justices of the Peace for this County of Lancaster this 2d of May 1657 Jn Teastemony Whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

RI: HAWORTH

Witnesse

Edm: Taylor of Harkenstead yeate
Mrs Taylor
Mrs Tettlow wth others

James Haworth and Sara Platt weare Published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exersise vizt one the 19th and one the 26th of Aprill and one the 3d of May 1657 and none hath obiected against the Saide Jntended Mariage And the abouenamed persons weare Maried at Hopwood before Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countie of Lancaster this 5th of May 1657. in Teastemony whereof he hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

witnesse

Lawrance Buckley
Simion Kershaw

Richard Millnes and Jane Millnes weare Published Three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exercise vizt one the 19th and one the 26th of Aprill and one the 3d of May 1657 and none hath obiected against the Saide Jntended Mariage And the abouenamed psons weare Maried at hopwood before Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this County of Lancaster this 12th of May 1657 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse

Edmund hamer
Abell Butterworth

James Newton and Dorethie Newton weare Published three seuerall lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge exercise vizt one the the 26th of Apl and one the Third of May and one the Tenth of may 1657 and none hath obiected against the Saide Jntended Mariage And the abouenamed persons weare maried at Hopwood before Ed: hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countie of Lancaster this 26th May 1657 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD.

John Tweedale and Grace Mellor weare Published three seureall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morning exercise vizt one the 3d of May and one the Tenth of May and one the Seuenteenth of May 1657 and none hath obiected agaynst the Said intended Mariage And the Abouenamed persons weare maried at Hopwood before Edm: Hopwood Essqr and of the Justices of peace whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Witnesse
Abroham Tweedale
Thomas Mellor
Joseph Tweedale

John Winterbothom and Dorethie Worrall weare published three Seueral Lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exercise vizt one the 31th of may and one the 7th and one the 14th of June 1657 and none hath obiected againsts the saide intended mariage and the Abouenamed parties weare maried at Manchester before Lawrance Rawstorne Essqre the 22th June 1657 and one of the Justices of the pease for this Countye of Lancaster in Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name the 22th of June 1657

L: RAWSTORNE

Witnesse
Thomas Winterbothom father
Samuell Worrall

James Morris and Mary Newton weare Published three Suerall lordes Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exercise vizt one the 28th of June and one the 5th of July and on the 12th of July 1657 and none hath obiected against the Saide intended Mariage and the abouenamed parties weare Maried at Hopwood before Edm: Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justice of peace for this Countye of Lancaster ye 28th of July Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name The 28th of July 1657

EDM: HOPWOOD

Jn Wittnesse of
Randell Morris
Mark Neild

(Continued.)

Saturday, March 9th, 1889.

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Marriages 1657

(Continued.)

Edmund Butterworth of the Parish of Midleton and Grace Whittaker of the Parish of Ouldham widdow weare published at Ouldham one the 12th and one the 18th and 20th of Aprill in the yeare 1657 and was Maried at Hopwood the 28th of Aprill 1657

wittnesse
Mark Neild pish Register

John Meall and Anne Whythead Weare published at the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exercise vizt one the 12th of July and one the 19th and one the 26th of July 1657 and none hath obiected against the saide intended Mariage and the Aboue named persons weare Maried at Manchester before Richard Haworth Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this County of Lancaster the jth of August 1657 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his

name

RI: HAWORTH

Jn Wittnesse of
John Meall, father
Jane Whythead, mother
Jssaake Ogden
Abraham Ogden wth others

Simeon Kershaw and Alis Collenson weare Published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exercise vizt one the 26th of July and one the 2th of August and one the 9th of August 1657 and none hath obiected against the Sd Jntended maiage And the Abouenamed peons weare Maried at Hopwood by Edm: Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of peace for this Countye of Lancaster Jn Teastemony Whereof hee hath Subscribed his name this 18th of August 1657

EDM: HOPWOOD

Thomas Assheton and Anne Heape weare Published three Seuerall lordes Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the Morninge Exercise to wit one the 6th of September and one the 13th and one the 20th of September 1657 and none hath obiected against the Saide intended Mariage And the abouenamed persons weare Maried at Hopwood before Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace Lanc the 13th of October 1657 Jn Teastemony wheareof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Wittnesse
John Assheton
John Heape ffather
and Ed: Tettlow, Junior

John Stringer and Margaret Haughton weare Published three Seuerall lords Dayes in the parish Church of Ouldham at the close of the Morninge Exercise to witt one the 22th and 28th of Nouember and one the 6th of December 1657 and none hath obiected against the Saide Jntended mariage and the Aboue named persons were Maried at Hopwood before Edmund Hopwood Essqr and one

of the Justices of Peace for this Countie of Lancaster the 8th of December 1657 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

EDM: HOPWOOD

Witnesse

John Stringer father

Thomas fflettcher and Martha wolfenden weare published three seuerall lords Dayes in the Parish Church of Ouldham at the Close of the morninge Exercise to witt one the 22th and 28th of Nouember and one the 6th of December 1657 and none hath obiected against the Saide Jntended Mariage and the persons aboue named weare maried at Manchester before Rich: Haworth Essqr and one of the Justices of Peace for this Countye of Lancaster the 26th of December 1657 Jn Teastemony whereof hee hath Subscribed his name

RI: HAWORTH

The Registers now begin to be very imperfect, many months being omitted.

Burials 1657

Aprill

A Child of henry hillton of Pittbancke buried the 1th of Aprill

Samuell Sonne of George hale buried the 2th Day of Aprill 1657

Myles Goddard buried the 4th Day of Aprill 1657

A Child ot Edm: Taylers of Harkenstead yeate buried the 10th Day

James Sonne of Richard Wolfenden of Crompton buried the 11th Day

Sara Doughter of Richard Oqden buried the 11th Day

James Neild buried the 12th Day

Mary wife of Edmund Scholes of this Toune buried the 14th Day of Aprill 1657

Ellnor Doughter of Thomas Millnes of high Crompton buried the 16th Day

May

Alis wife of Marke whythead of Coehill buried the 4th Day of May

John Sonne of John Ogden of Humphrey lane

buried the 13th Day of May

Edmund Sonne of John Assheton of stocklane Drowned and buried the 14th Day

Elen wife of Richard Bardsley of Crompton buried the 15th Day
Jsraell Leese of Crompton buried the 22th of may
Martha Doughter of Thomas wild of Crompton buried the 26th Day
} of May

Abraham Sonne of Ottiwell Wild of Barrawshaw buried the 28th Day

Mary Doughter of John Wollfenden buried the 30th Day of May

June

Grace base Doughter of Jane Houlden of this Toune buried the 7th day of June

A base Child of Abraham Brearleys by Shacklocke buried the 12th Day

A Child of Robt streets of Alt buried the 14th day

Mary wife of Joseph Hallowes buried the 16th day

A Child of Sam Hallowes of Whytfeild buried the 19th Day

Old John Whittaker of Northmoor buried the 30th of June 1657

Grace wife of Robert Butterworth of Crompton buried the 30th day

July

Alis wife of Thomas Collenson of Coehill buried the 2d Day

Jane wife of George Jackson buried the 13th Day

John Sonne of Miles wild of Doghill buried the 22th Day

August

Robt Buckley of Greenehill wthin Crompton buried the 1th day

John Sonne of John wild buried the 1th day of August

A Child of John Kershaw buried the 15th of August

John Clegge, Daniell Hillton and Richard Wild buried the 18th Day of August

A Child of John Ogden of Humphrey lane buried the 21th Day

Alis wife of George Taylor of Denton buried the 24th Day.

John Travis of Thelemore buried the 29th Day

The wife of Josephe Schoffeild buried the 30th Day Mary wife of John Whythead of Lane end buried the 31th Day of August

George Taylor yonger buried the 31 Day

Alis Coup Wife buried the 27th Day

September 1657

Edward Sandeforth of Broadelane buried the 21th of September

John Kershaw of hopkinfould buried the 23th of September

James Taylor De Thorpe buried the 28th Day of of September 1657

A Child of Luke hallowes & a Child of John Ogdens of Northmore buried the 30th day

October

Judith wife of Peeter Seuell buried the 1th Day

John Smith of Glodwicke buried the second Day

Anne wife of John Leese of Leese lane buried the 17th day

John Sonne of Samuell Schoffeild buried the 19th Day

Mary Doughter of John Mellor buried the 26th Day

Nouembr 1657

Joseph Millnes of higgenshaw Yate buried the 3d Day of Nouembr

Hannah wife of Thomas Scholes of fauleach buried the 9th Day

Mary Doughter of Raphe Sandeforth buried the 29th Day

A Child of John Taylor buried the 29th Day

Desember

James Sonne of Joshua hale buried the 7th Day

James Buersell buried the 14th Day

A Child of Joseph Wild buried the 20th Day

Mr Joshua Wrigley buried the 21th Day

Anne Doughter of henry Whittaker buried the 28th of Desember

Look and see in the lesser Parchment one the Left hand and you shall find the rest of the Register there with the baptismes for Shaw Chappell Burialls in Januarie 1657

(*The above note relates to two loose sheets of parchment, eight pages, one of them blank.—G.S.*)

Burialls Januarie 1657

Gregory Knott buried the 2th Day
John Greaves wife buried 5th day
Simeon Whythead buried the 6th
Willm Crompton the 26th day
Jane Platt of Ryton Mill buried the 9th day
Alis Doughter of Joseph Millnes buried the 12th Day
John Breareley alias Doghill buried the 19th day
Abraham Smith buried the 19th day
John Sonne of John Millnes buried the 22th day
A Child of John Marslands buried the 25th day

ffebruary

A Doughter of Raph Whythead buried 3d day
John wife of Richard Whittaker buried the 6th Day
A Child of James Leese buried the 6th Day
Judith wife of Elias shore buried the 9th day
John Shaw buried the 12th of ffeb
Sam worrall buried the 15th day
Luke Sonne of James Whittaker buried the 14th day.
Mary wife of Edm: Wild of Ryton buried the 15th day
Mary wife of Noe hallowes buried the 17th Day
The wife of James Mathew buried the 19th day
John Sonne of John Saxon buried the 22th Day
2 Children of Noe hallowes buried the 23d Day
Mary Doughter of John barlow buried 25th day

March

Anne wife of Miles Goddard buried the 3th of March
James Sonne of James Leese buried the 5th of March

Ould George buckley buried the 16th day
also a Child of

G. SHAW.

Saturday, March 16th, 1889

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OLDHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

Before the Revs. J. Holme and J. Hordern, May 6th, 1830.

Robert Fitton was charged with wheeling a wheelbarrow through the bar at Shaw, and evading the toll; convicted in 50s. and allowed to appeal.

A poor woman of Royton appeared to require Hardman, the overseer, to give her some temporary relief. She stated that she had two children, and had earned 4s. 8d. last week. Hardman replied that she had been previously relieved by the vestry; ordered to give her 1s. and get her some little work

A poor boy next appeared, who stated that he had come from Chatham, but was not one of those from the Duke of York's School, though the offspring of a soldier, to weave fustian for one John Austin, at Heyside, in Royton, who had employed him until about four months since as one called but not a regular apprentice. His unfeeling master had given him a shilling to quit his looms, after beating him a whole week. The miserable and decrepid youth stated that he had obtained a very precarious subsistence since he left Austin, sleeping where he could, on hayricks, coalpit cotes, and was lately found in a pigcote in Hollinwood. He was very weak, and scarcely able to work, and a witness proved as to his being with Austin. The indenture of his

apprenticeship was not sealed, and therefore invalid and improper. As the boy had lived both in Crompton and Royton, and found in Chadderton, it was put to the three overseers of those townships which would receive him into their respective workhouse. After an unfeeling display of reluctance and avarice, which Mr. Holme very properly treated with comments, Needham, the Chadderton overseer, consented to take him into the poorhouse, on the condition of his working a little till Mr. Barlow, the Magistrates' Clerk, had obtained an answer as to the boy's fate from London.

May 10th.

CORN LAWS.—Last week a requisition, signed by about 250 householders of Oldham and its neighbourhood, was addressed to the constables of that town to convene a meeting to take into consideration the state of the country, and petition the Legislature to repeal the Corn Laws, and effect a radical reform in the Commons House of Parliament. As might naturally be expected, the authorities declined to call a meeting for such purposes. In consequence of this, the requisitionists have given notice in handbills calling a public meeting for the above purposes on Monday next, to be held on Bent Green, in the afternoon of the said day. That venerable advocate for a radical reform in the Commons House of Parliament, Mr. John Knight, stands the foremost in the requisition list.

TRADE AT OLDHAM.—We are glad to say the hatting business continues pretty brisk, as well as spinning, but the miserable handloom weavers are in scarcely any better condition; indeed those of tabbies have had notice to have no more work from the principal part of the manufacturers, the demand for that kind of goods being, we are told, on the decline. In consequence of this much misery and distress prevails among that class of artisans, particularly about Royton.

June 1.

CAMP MEETING.—On Sunday, May 30, a very numerously attended camp meeting of Primitive Methodists was held on Oldham Edge, near Old-

ham. Several preachers addressed the assembled multitude, and a white banner was raised in the cart upon which the preachers stood, to denote that the meeting had assembled. It was inscribed in black letters as follows:—"Prepare to meet thy God."

TRADE AT OLDHAM.—Through the great despondency among the cotton weavers, caused by the slack demand and low prices now given for fustians, a very great number of persons who have hitherto been wholly engaged in fustian weaving, particularly about Royton, and even towards Shaw, are now turning silk weavers, the briskness than cotton having predominated as a strong inducement for that miserable class to change trades. Spinning and hatting are both tolerably flourishing, though several mills are giving lower wages for spinning than others.

At Prestwich, on Monday, the 31st May, Mr. J. Livesey, of Chamber Hall, near Oldham, to Miss Clegg, daughter of Mr. J. Clegg, late of Counthill, and now of Oldham-lane.

On Wednesday, May 26th inst., died Mr. John Winterbottom, of Royton, aged 83 years. For many years previous to his death he was messenger or deliverer of letters and parcels betwixt Oldham and Royton. An unflinching, unbending oppositionist, and a steady lover of the "Barley Bree."

Not a hundred miles from Northmoor, near Oldham, is a venerable old man, who for the last 60 years has never missed seeing every day of the Kersall Moor Races, and has even gone and returned every morning and evening to his home.

June.

OLDHAM SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—On Friday, June 4th, the annual procession of the scholars educated in the numerous Sunday schools of this town and neighbourhood took place at the various schoolrooms. Those under the establishment of St. Peter's perambulated the town and vicinity two and two in the following order:—Mill End School, boys and girls, 250; Grammar School, 170; Ferny Bank,

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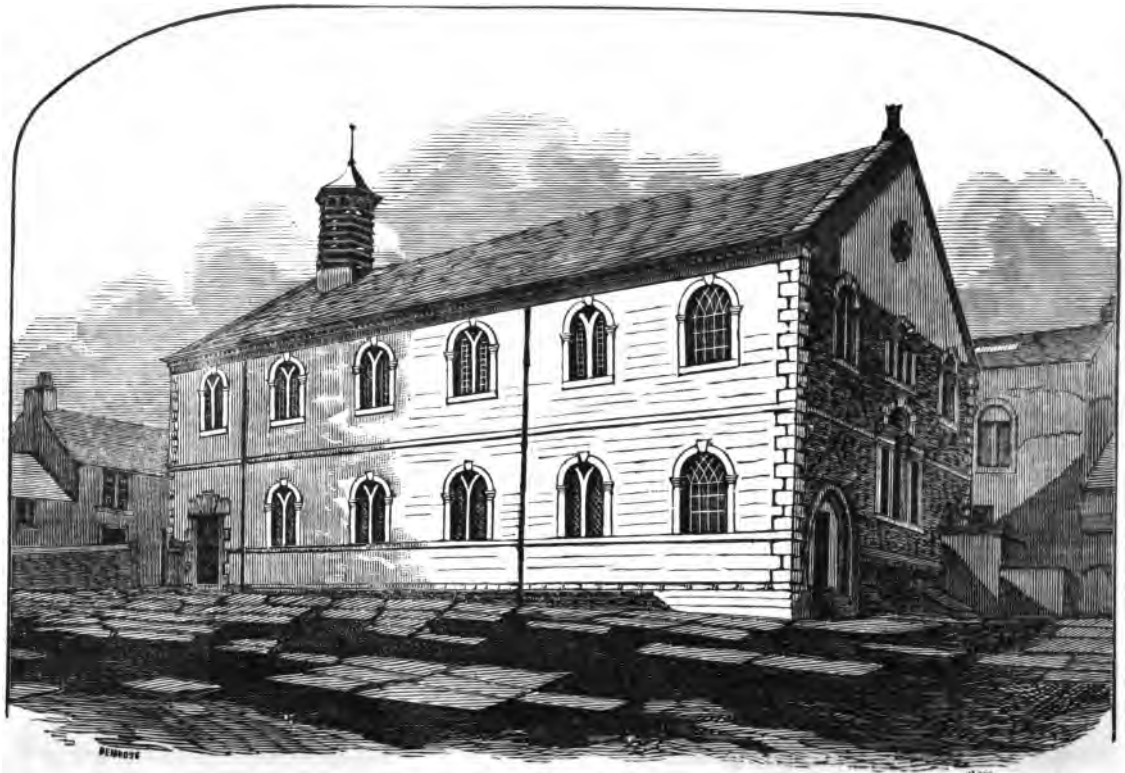

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, OLDHAM.

183; Cheetham Hill, 170; Glodwick, 222; and Stockbrook 235, making a total of 1,230 children. The Dissenters also succeeded in the order of procession, and consisted of the Methodists, Domingo-street School, betwixt 600 and 700; the Independent Methodists, George-street, 650; the Baptists, 240; the Primitive Methodists, 618; and the New Connexion, 300. After such a sight of delightful reflection had passed away, after such a display of cleanliness, beauty, and innocence had terminated, several of the scholars, attended by a numerous train of old and young teachers, were regaled at the different schoolrooms with spice cake and ale. While on this subject it may not be amiss here to state that Sunday schools commenced in Oldham as early as 1783, the very year and a few months after the first commenced in England at Gloucester by Mr. Raikes, who, upon publishing his plans and projects for founding and governing these excellent institutions was immediately followed by Messrs. Thomas and Henry Henshaw, Messrs. Cleggs, and others, who established a Sunday school the first at Oldham, and probably the second ever began in England, Gloucester having become possessed of the very first. Three years elapsed before they became general, and it is very currently reported that even Manchester was behind Oldham, in claiming such an early title, to the foundation of these now flourishing and beneficial institutions.

On Saturday a splendid procession of the modern Druids took place, and on Monday the Oldham Odd Women walked through the town.

ROBBERY.—On the night of the 28th of May last the shop of Mr. Jonathan Mellor, currier, of Manchester-street, Oldham, was robbed of nine sides of kip and one side of strap leather, value £5, which were completely carried off. From various suspicious circumstances the police were induced to visit the barracks of the 50th regiment of foot, now stationed at Oldham, where they discovered the leather in question cut in square pieces, and hid in a coal box under a quantity of coal.

Evidence having been given by one of the soldiers, Nugent, that the leather was brought in by four of the soldiers on the night of the 28th May, they were accordingly brought up at the Oldham Sessions on Thursday, the 3rd instant, when, after part of the leather had been brought from Ashton, one of the privates, Manning, having been apprehended there while offering it for sale, the case was dismissed ; but on Monday, at the Hollinwood Petty Sessions, before the Rev. J. Holme, the soldiers were again brought up, but on speaking contradictory statements in their evidence and witnesses giving proof of their absence from the barracks at the hour the robbery was committed, bringing and hiding the leather in the barrack, and clear indentity to the leather, they were committed.

CAMP MEETING.—On Sunday last a camp meeting of the Primitive Methodists took place on Hartshead Pike, near Mossley. A white banner was displayed on the arid hill, and it was very numerously attended.

COWHILL SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The same day the anniversary of the Cowhill Sunday School took place. Mr. Walker, of Rochdale, delivered two sermons on the occasion, and a handsome subscription contributed to render that institution more lively.

June 16th, 1830.

On Sunday last two sermons were preached in the Moravian, or United Brethren's Chapel, at Salem, near Oldham, by the Rev. W. Essex, on behalf of the Sunday schools established at that place, when a liberal collection was made.

OLDHAM MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—In little more than the space of a month this flourishing society has acquired in donations, subscriptions, and purchases, no less than 81 volumes of scientific useful works. The Rev. R. Watson delivered a lecture on pneumatics to its members on Monday evening last.

BLUE COAT SCHOOL.—We firmly hope, and as

sanguine are our expectations, that the noble Blue Coat Hospital of Oldham will, in a short time, by the aid of forthcoming subscriptions, be entirely finished.

ST. JAMES'S SCHOOL.—The intended erection of a Sunday school, to be attached to St. James's, at Greenacres Moor, near Oldham, has met with great success. Besides £100 raised by subscriptions in the vicinity, a munificent donation of another £100 from the National Society for Erecting Charity Schools has been forwarded through the hands of the Bishop of Chester, who has also kindly transmitted a private gift of his own of £20, to be applied to the same purpose. The intended school is to be 20 yards by 12.

At the Hollinwood Petty Session on Monday, June 14th, before the Rev. J. Holme, nothing of interest occurred.

RADICAL REFORM MEETING.—On Monday evening last, June 14th, the Radicals of Oldham assembled in their room, West-street, Oldham, for the purposes of forming a political union, on the principles of universal suffrage, annual Parliaments, and vote by ballot. Mr. James Mills, of Sarah Moor, near Oldham, took the chair at seven o'clock, and after Mr. Knight had read a resolution and copy of the rules for governing the society, and the meeting, which was very thinly attended, quietly dispersed.

ROBBERY.—On Sunday night last, June 13th, the house of Mr. Robt. Wrigley, at Primrose Bank, near Oldham, was broken into, and a quantity of wearing apparel, with a watch, &c., total value about £5, stolen therefrom. The thieves have as yet escaped detection.

INQUEST.—On Tuesday last, June 15th, an inquest was held at the Friendship Inn, in Oldham-lane, near Oldham, before Thos. Ferrand, Esq., on view of the body of one John Chadwick, who was killed by a cartwheel passing over him on Friday in Whitsun Week, near the Friendship Inn. He survived till Sunday last, when he expired. A

verdict of "Accidentally killed" was consequently returned by the jury.

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OPENING OF THE MIDDLETON FREE LIBRARY.

March 9, 1889.

The fine weather which prevailed on Saturday enabled a large number of people to witness the opening of the Free Library at Middleton. Early in 1887 it was decided to celebrate the Queen's jubilee by erecting a free library. The interior of the building is well adapted for the purposes to which it is to be put. The ground floor comprises the reading-room and library, while upstairs there is one large room, which, however, can be divided into three parts by means of sliding partitions, and which will be used as classrooms for educational purposes. The Middleton, Tonge, and Alkrington Free Library has transferred its volumes to the new institution, and the newsroom hitherto provided by Mr. A. Butterworth will cease to exist.

The opening ceremony should have been performed by Professor Ward, Vice-Chancellor of Victoria University, Manchester, but owing to indisposition he was unable to be present, but an excellent substitute was found in Professor Boyd Dawkins. A procession was formed at the Town Hall, and proceeded by way of Suffield-street, Manchester New-road, and along Long-street, where the building is situate. The volunteer fife band headed the procession, followed by the local volunteers, under Captain Lees; then came the fire brigade, police force, the Mayor (Councillor J. W. Lees, J.P.), and the members of the Town Council. Several thousands of people lined the route. Arrived at the library, Councillor Heywood, chairman of the Jubilee Committee, formally handed over to the Mayor a gold key, with the deed of transfer and a list of the subscribers. The Mayor, in turn, handed the key over to Professor Dawkins, who, unlocking the door, declared the place open. After an inspection of the various rooms, a meeting was held in the upper room, where the Mayor presided, and was supported by Professor Dawkins, the Mayor of Salford (Alderman A. L. Dickins), Councillors Heywood, Thorpe, Halliday, Aspell, Mr. W. B. Scott, the Rector of Middleton, Mr. F. Entwistle (Town Clerk), and others.

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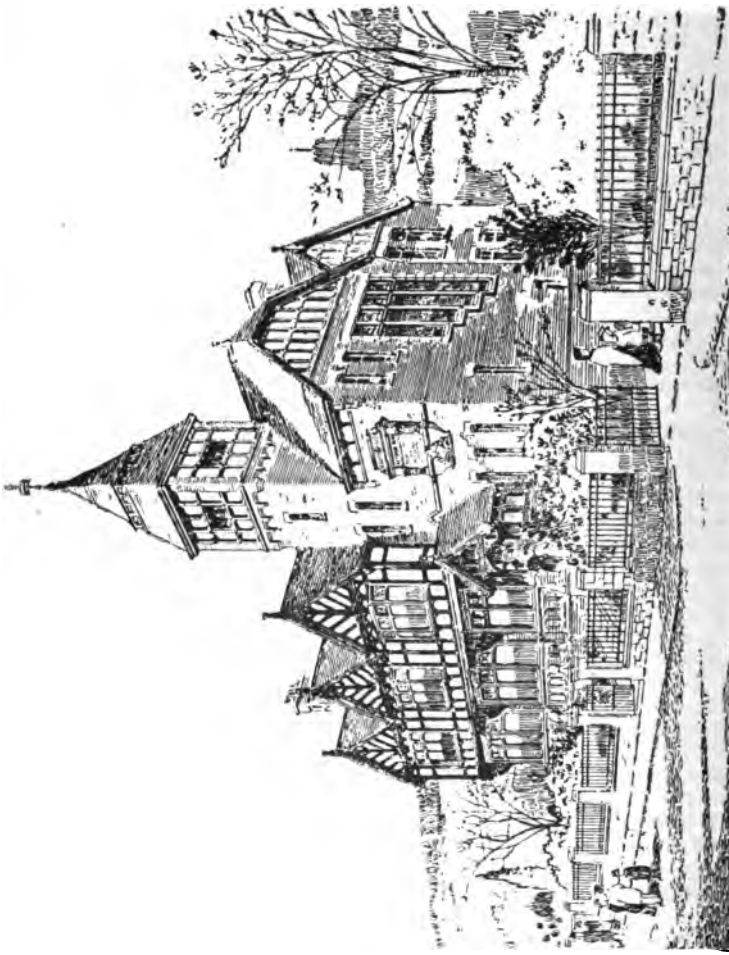

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Professor Boyd Dawkins referred to the use to which the new institution would be put, and said that the first foundation he knew of in connection with Middleton was the foundation by the dean of St. Paul's of a grammar school. The foundation dated back to the time of Elizabeth, and it was distinctly established for the advancement of learning and for the advancement, as it was phrased, of the Christian religion. He certainly thought that ancient foundation was receiving a considerable addition to its working power by having that building as the result of the Queen's jubilee. It seemed to him that in Middleton, in the time of Queen Victoria, they were really carrying out to greater perfection and advantage than heretofore the idea of the founder of the Grammar School in the time of Queen Elizabeth. This was a great occasion for Middleton, and it was a great pleasure to him to find himself assisting in that day's work. He had always done what he could in his own way for the advancement of knowledge and learning, and he could assure them, as a member of Owens College and Victoria University, that it was with the liveliest feelings of interest and sympathy that the college authorities saw institutions such as that library rising up round Manchester. They felt that they had their work to do in Victoria University, and that they were working really in the same field of labour as those gentlemen at Middleton who had founded that free library. They welcomed Middleton as an important addition to the army of workers against ignorance — workers who were trying to make the people better than they were before. (Applause.)

Luncheon was afterwards served in the National Schoolroom adjoining, the caterer being Mr. Wood, of the Old Boar's Head Inn. The following toast list was gone through:—"The Queen and Royal Family," proposed by the Mayor; "The Clergy," proposed by the Mayor of Salford, and responded to by the Rev. T. E. Cleworth, rector of Middleton; "The Subscribers," proposed by Mr. M'Kie, and responded to by Councillor Thorpe; "The Vice-Chancellor of Victoria University," proposed by Councillor Aspell, responded to by Professor Dawkins; "The Architect," proposed by Mr. W. B. Scott, and responded to by Mr. L. Booth; "The Jubilee Committee," proposed by Mr. Travis, and responded to by Councillor Heywood; "The Ladies," proposed by the Mayor, and responded to by the Rev. J. O. Jelly.

Saturday, March 23rd, 1889.

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[296.] LOCAL HISTORICAL EVENTS IN 1830.

Register of Oldham News from Edwin Butterworth's MSS.

On Monday last, June 21st, a number of the veteran pensioners formerly belonging to the 6th Regiment assembled at the house of Mr. J. Tetlow, the Plough Inn, Copy Nook, near Oldham, to partake of a liberal dinner served up and given by the worthy host, on the occasion of celebrating the anniversary of the battle of Vittoria. After several loyal and convivial toasts had been given the company separated.

BELLS FOR OLDHAM CHURCH.—A new peal of twelve bells for Oldham Church are now on the road from London, where they have been founding since about last August, by Messrs. Mears and Co. They are expected to arrive here at the commencement of the ensuing week, when a merry feast will take place on the occasion. The weight of the tenor bell is 33cwt.

TRADES UNION.—On Monday evening last, about half-past eight o'clock, a meeting took place in the large room of the Grapes Inn, Yorkshire-street, Oldham, for the purpose of forming a branch union to the national one lately established in Manchester to associate in one body all trades, to defend their wages against reductions. Several speakers addressed the attending multitude, while Mr. James Mills, of Sarah Moor, near Oldham, took the chair. Hines and Marshall, two delegates from Manchester and Bolton, spoke to the great necessity of a union in Oldham, and referred to the flourishing state of similar trades unions in other towns. After several other orators of no mean name within the small district around had delivered pretty free encomiums on the objects and intentions of the meeting, Mr. Marshall read over a copy of the resolutions, which all tended to

show the necessity of uniting and co-operating to protect the labour of the working classes. It was almost unanimously passed that a union of trades be formed at Oldham next Wednesday evening, and that two delegates be appointed to represent the Oldham body at the general meeting of the Manchester Trades Union to be held next Monday. A weekly subscription of 1d. each was agreed to be entered into for the above purposes. The meeting then peaceably separated.

Oldham, June 30th, 1830.

On Sunday last, June 27th, two sermons were preached in the Catholic Chapel, and high mass celebrated by the Rev. W. Glazebrook, on which occasion handsome subscriptions were received.

On the same day the Rev. J. Kelly delivered two sermons in Hope Chapel, Greenacres Moor, when a liberal donation of £25 on behalf of the Sunday schools connected with that place was contributed.

The anniversary of the Primitive Methodists also took place on Sunday last, two sermons being preached on behalf of their Sunday school by Mr. Thomas Haslam, of Darleston, in the chapel, Grosvenor-street; the receipts were pretty liberal.

A neat place of worship has been fitted up in a room in Bow-street, Oldham, for the Wesleyan Protestant Methodists, who intend to open it on Sunday next.

SEVERE STORM.—On Monday last, June 28th, the effects of a heavy shower of hailstones, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning and thunder, were very visible in the neighbourhood of Oldham. Many mills were obliged to stop working through the overflowing torrent, which in many instances destroyed walls and damaged windows. At Castle Mill, near Oldham, the storm was felt with great severity, where the lightning is said to have passed through three thick floors, and escaped by a door. At Tonge-lane and its vicinity, 2½ miles to the west of Oldham, the hailstones did great damage, breaking a number of windows, besides destroying a vast quantity of gooseberries,

which were seen lying heap upon heap, utterly spoiled. The storm drove from the S.S.W., and in its course effected dreadful havoc at Hollinwood, Shaw, Royton, Greenacres Moor, and more particularly in Tonge, with the lower parts of Chadderton, where the lowlands were almost flooded. The thunder was uncommon loud, and the lightning fell near Greenacres Moor, though we are happy to say no lives were lost.

OLDHAM CHURCH BELLS.—On Monday morning last this new peal of bells, 12 in number, arrived by a fly boat from London, at Pickford's warehouse, Manchester, from whence they were conveyed to Oldham, which place they reached about six o'clock in the evening, by two carriages, drawn each by four horses. On entering Oldham a band of music and a vast crowd of spectators met and preceded them to the churchyard, where they now lie, awaiting the completion of a month or two, to raise and ring them in the noble steeple.

The authorities of the town, and, indeed, the multitude in general, having just heard of his Majesty's death, conducted themselves with that decorum and peaceable order so well befitting the respect which a people owes to a beloved but the lost Sovereign, and though the British flag was waving on the church tower, and plenty of good stingo stirring, yet it was a solemn and interesting scene.

On Monday and Tuesday a detachment of the 50th Regiment of Foot, which had long been stationed at Oldham, quitted it for Ireland, and were replaced on Wednesday, June 30th, 1830, by the arrival of a party of the 7th Fusiliers, who, along with the constables of Oldham, signed the proclamation of the new King, George IV. having expired at ten minutes past three o'clock on the morning of Saturday, June 26th, 1830, at the age of 68 years. William IV., formerly Duke of Clarence, on the same day in the Market-place, while it was celebrated at Royton with great splendour, a procession of the Oddfellows took place in that village. While the chapel bell rung a merry round for nearly two hours, a dinner was

provided at the Unicorn Inn, at which a numerous body of the respectable inhabitants of the country around assembled. The Rev. W. Dawson, the present worthy assistant curate of Royton, presided as chairman with considerable ability.

Oldham Petty Sessions, Thursday, July 1st, 1830, before the Revs. J. Hulme and J. Hordern.

Two poor little boys were brought up charged with having run away from their master, Richard Cordwell, weaver, of Manchester, to whom they had been bound as apprentices by the township of Crompton. It was stated to be three years since they left Cordwell, who, on being asked if he could take the boys back again to finish out the term of seven years, replied that he had no looms for them to work on, and nothing to support himself and wife on but 3s. a week. The little lads had been making pins at Warrington while absent from their master, whom they charged with having severely beaten them several times. Cordwell was finally ordered to go and fetch the indentures from Warrington, and on having received them to assign the boys over to another master.

Oldham, July 8th, 1830.

On Sunday last, July 4th, were married at Prestwich, Mr. James Daltry, of Greenacres Moor, near Oldham, to Miss Mary Bardsley, daughter of Mr. John Bardsley, of Cotton-street, Oldham.

SINGULAR CIRCUMSTANCE.—The following very singular event occurred a few days ago at New Mill, within Knott Lanes, near Oldham:—A boy, in attempting to throw a stone at another, broke his own arm, by the quick and energetic stretch which he made. It went off like the report of a pistol.

OLDHAM WONDERS.—We have no less than three eccentric characters in the neighbourhood of Oldham, two of them famous astrologers, and the other an hermit, who flourishes in public life, though he is termed the "Loes Emitus." This person has rendered himself notorious as a most ingenious individual, an eminent painter, a most feeling miser, an excellent courtier, who boasts and brags

cavalcade. From Lord-street they walked through Spring-street, and down Henshaw-street, into the Market-place, where the proclamation was read, a volley of musketry fired into the air by the military, and nine hearty round cheers given by the multitude. From the Market-place they proceeded through High-street, Yorkshire-street, Mumps, Lees-road, and Croftbank to Greenacres Moor, where the same ceremonies were again passed through; and they returned through Oldham, down Manchester-street, and to Hollinwood, where the constables read the proclamation a third time; from thence they passed through Hollins, Copsterhill, Broadway - lane, King-street, and George-street, to the Market-place, where, after the proclamation was read a fourth time, another volley fired, and hearty cheers again given, the procession separated, the pensioners to their clubhouse and the Orangemen to their lodge. A dinner was provided at the Angel Inn, at which many loyal and national toasts were given.

ROYTON CHURCH MUSIC.—On Sunday last, July 11th, 1830, a selection of sacred music was performed in St. Paul's Chapel, Royton. Mr. Lord, of Rochdale, presided at the organ, and Miss Hardman, with Mr. Dobbie, also attended as performers. The proceeds, which were pretty liberal, are intended to be applied towards repairing the organ.

ROBBERY.—On Monday night, July 12th, or early on Tuesday morning, the house of Mr. Joseph Schofield, of Bradley Bent, Hollinwood, was broke into and robbed of money to the amount of £70 seven shillings and eightpence in gold, paper, silver, and copper; a set, also, of silver teaspoons, and sugar tongs, were carried away; and a bundle of linen, consisting of three shectsh shirts, and various kinds of wearing apparel, were tied up in a napkin, and it is supposed the thieves, in their precipitancy to escape, omitted to carry the parcel away, which was found in the stairs. They entered the house at the back door, and Mr. Schofield having retired to rest, and his son happening to be from home at the

time, the villains effected their escape, and remain as yet undiscovered.

The two accomplices, who, along with Knott, committed the late robbery at the house of Mr. Peter Hamilton, at Greenacres Moor, of the names of Barlow and Davenport, are apprehended and committed to the lock-ups at Oldham.

BURIAL OF KING GEORGE THE FOURTH.—On Thursday last, on the occasion of the burial of his late Majesty George IV. at Windsor, "Oldham," like the surrounding towns, evinced a great degree of respect for the deceased Sovereign. The shops were closed during the day, the largest bell of the new peal lately arrived was string to ring a deep, solemn, mourning toll on the occasion, the steeple was surmounted by the British flag, and services performed in St. Peter's Chapel betwixt the hours of six and eight, on the evening before an attendance of Freemasons, who walked from their lodge at the Coach and Horses, Church-lane, to the chapel, decorated with the insignia of the order. A party of the 87th Fusiliers also heard divine service on the occasion. The Rev. Wm. Winter officiated, and the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Manchester-street was also open in the evening.

ACCIDENT.—On Thursday evening last a boy of the name of Smethurst, driving a tub to the mouth of one of the coalpits at Werneth Collieries, near Oldham, with too much force, both the lad and the coal waggon went down headlong in the deep abyss of the pit, and he was consequently dashed to pieces.

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Saturday, April 6th, 1889.

NOTES.

[297.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptisms 1658

Aprill 1658

Daniell Sonne of Robert Howard of Edglane

borne the 21th of March baptisd the 4th of Aprill

James Sonne of Samuell Garside baptisd the 11th of Aprill

Sara Doughter of Robert street of Assheton Parish baptisd the 11th Day

Catheren Doughter of John Winterbothom borne the 13th Day of Aprill baptisd the 25th of the Same

May 1658

Mary Doughter of Thomas Hibbert baptisd the 2th Day

James Sonne of Edmund Taylor baptisd the 16th Day

John Sonne of John Meall baptisd the 16th Day

Abraham Sonne of James Shaw baptisd the 16th Day

Mary Doughter of Rodger Meall of Leese baptisd the 23th Day

June 1658

John Sonne of James Hall of Greeneakers baptisd the 6th Day

July 1658

Peeter Sonne of John Couper of Broadelane baptisd the 18th Day of July

Mary Doughter of Raphe Sandeforth baptisd the 25th Day

August

Martha Doughter of Thomas Asheton baptisd the 29th Day of August

Richard Sonne of John stringer borne the 15th of August baptisd the 22th Day

Mary Doughter of John Taylor of Littlemore baptisd the 22th Day of August

Sara Doughter of John Hardie baptisd the 22th Day

B.B. James base Sonne of James buersell by Widdow Asheton baptisd the 22th Day

September 1658

Adam Sonne of John Wolfenden of Hollenwood borne the 3d Day baptisd the 5th Day

Mary Doughter of Jsaak Ogden baptisd the 5th Day

Peeter Sonne of Nicolas Whythead borne the

10th Day of September baptisd the 19th of the Same

Sara Doughter of Robt shaw of Coohill baptisd the 19th Day

John Sonne of John Mellor baptisd the 26th Day

Anne Doughter of Miles Meall ot Leese baptisd the 26th Day

October 1658

Huigh Sonne of John Pollet of Glodwick baptisd the 10th Day of October.

Sara Doughter of Thomas Breareley of Stocke lane baptisd the 10th Day

Sara Doughter of Daniell Whithead of Sadleworth baptisd the 17th Day.

Alis Doughter of John Seuell of Crossebancke baptised the 17th Day

Abraham Sonne of Ottiwell Wild of Barashaw baptisd the 24th Day

Lawrance and Christopher Chilldren of Lawrance Nuttall baptisd the 24th Day

Mary Doughter of Raphe Houlden of Houldens baptised the 31th of October

Elizabeth Doughter of Edmund Mellor baptisd the 31th Day of October

Elizabeth Doughter of Abraham Taylor of hopkinfould baptisd the 31th day of Octr

Alexander Sonne of William Barnes of this Toune baptised the 31th of Octobr

Nouember 1658

John Sonne of James Buersell of Stockelane baptised the 7th Day of 9ber

Jane Doughter of James Neild of hollenwood baptised the 21th Day of Nouember

Joshua Sonne of Jsaake Ogden of this Toune borne the 13th Day baptisd the 25th Day

James Sonne of Lawrance Leese baptised the 28th Day of Nouember

B.B. Raphe base sonne of Elen Barnes by Raphe Potter baptised the 28th Day

B.B. James base Sonne of Alis stansfeild by John Needum baptisd the 28th Day of Noubr.

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Saturday, April 13th, 1889.

NOTES.

[298.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptisms 1658

Desember 1658

Daniell Sonne of Abraham Ogden of Greeneakersmore baptised the 5th Day

Anne Doughter of William Scholes of Lowerhouse baptised the 5th of Desembr

Alis Doughter of ffranchis Platt baptised the 12th Day of Desembr

January

Jane Doughter of Samuell Leese baptised the 2th day.

Susanna Doughter of James Brearley baptised the 9th Day

Abraham Sonne of John Andrew baptisd the 16th Day.

William Sonne of Thomas Sherington baptised the 16th Day

ffebruary

John Sonne of John Ogden of humfrey lane baptisd the 6th Day

Sara Doughter of John Ogden of Greenakers baptisd the 14th Day

John Sonne of James Neild hollenwood baptisd the 14th Day.

Anna Doughter of James stringer baptised the 14th Day.

Sara Doughter of Edward Couper baptisd the 27th Day.

March

Mary Doughter of John Taylor Newearth baptised the 13th Day

James Sonne of Robert Leese broadbent baptisd the 13th Day

Richard base Sonne of Anne Wright by Richard Whythead baptisd the 13th Day

Mary and Martha Doughters of Edward Marler baptisd the 20th Day.

Susanna Doughter of Abraham Clegge baptised the 20th Day.

Anne Doughter of George Platt baptised the 27th Day.

Samuell Sonne of Samuell Hale baptised the 27th Day

Marriages at Ouldham Anno Dm 1658

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Noah Hallowes tooke to wife mary Barlow	xiv
John Thorpe of Sadleworth tooke to wife martha Hallowes.....	xiv
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John Hollinworth tooke to wife mary streniger	vj
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Raph mellor tooke to wife Susan Hanson.....	x
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Joseph Lees Austerlands tooke to wife Elizabeth whitehead	xxij
October	
Ambrosse Jackson tooke to wife martha Ogden.....	xij
George Platt tooke to wife mary Kershaw	xxvj
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Robert Taylier of butterworth hall tooke to wife Jane Ogden	ix
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John Scholes tooke to wife Martha Neild	ix

G. SHAW.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYTON.

CORNER STONE LAYING.

The corner stones of the new Parish Church, Royton, were laid in the presence of a large concourse of people on Saturday. The day was beautifully fine, and the proceedings were made the more interesting by the fact that the Freemasons took a prominent part,

one of the stones being laid by Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. East Lancashire, and P.G.W. of England. Long before the time fixed for the assembling of the scholars of the Sunday school and members of the congregation on the open space in front of the vicarage, preparatory to marching in procession through the principal streets of the township, people commenced to congregate, and a large body of police, under Inspector Ormerod and Sergeants Berry and Killett, took up positions at different points to keep order. Every coign of vantage was taken possession of, the chamber windows of the houses in the vicinity being crowded with eager faces, while one had been taken possession of by an enterprising photographer; Mr. Wrigley, of 90, Union-street, Oldham, who took some good instantaneous views of the ceremony. Shortly after two o'clock the teachers, scholars, &c., met at the appointed place, and, headed by the Royton Brass Band, proceeded by Church-street, Sandy-lane, and Radcliffe-street to the Town Hall, where they were joined by the Freemasons and clergy. The company then made their way back to the site of the church by way of Pickford-street, Fleet-street, and Charles-street. The Freemasons present were as follow:—Concord Lodge, M. O. W. Thompson; Tudor, H. Taylor, W. H. Eckersley, W. Potts, J. Risley, E. B. Laycock, S. Collins, J. Leathley, J. W. Harrop, W. Taylor, W. W. Richards, J. Brierley, T. Stevenson, S. Nield, G. Harding, J. Bowden, T. H. Stansfield, C. Claber, J. Heywood, A. R. Chadwick, S. Holt, J. Sharples, S. Davies, J. Shaw; Thornham, A. J. Howarth, J. W. Riley, J. E. Harrison, W. Cooper, J. Tattersall, R. W. Riley, J. R. Meanock, R. Young, J. Sykes, J. Clegg, C. Whittaker; Unity, J. A. Hanson, A. Broadbent, R. T. Wood, G. Wood, H. Lees, H. T. Dawson, H. Taylor, T. Partington, R. Halstead, A. Hall, J. Walton, J. Broadbent, J. Dawson; Friendship, B. Mattinson, F. Lawton, R. W. Harrison, T. H. Smethurst, J. Wild; Hope, W. Davis, J. H. Collingwood; Albert, R. Birch, J. G. Thompson, F. Kirkley, J. Buckley, G. Chadderton, J. Wardle, F. S. Shields, J. Hilton, F. Kelly, A. B. Ogden, G. H. Fox; Harmony, W. Fielding; Avon, W. T. Allit; Imperial George, P. Lawton, J. Thorpe, R. H. Hartley, R. Goddard; Alexandra, R. Goddard, R. E. Walker, H. Clulow; Prudence, J. Blacka;

Ashbury, W. Bee, E. Roberts; Arthur Sulivan, B. Brierley; J. Schofield, 2,279; E. Hadfield, 277; C. E. Hindley, 148. The clergymen present were the Revs. I. L. Harry, Coldhurst; G. Allen, Shaw; D. Morgan, High Crompton; E. Mayhew Jones, St. Mary's, Oldham; E. K. Roberts, Coldhurst; E. W. Carr, St. Thomas's; T. Pearson, St Matthew's, Chadderton; J. G Gibson, St. Paul's, Royton; and E. T. Wigg, vicar of St Paul's Royton.—The different companies having been arranged in their respective places the hymn, "The Church's one foundation," was sung, after which Mr. J. A. Kershaw, sub-treasurer, read an account of the undertaking. It stated that a new church, which was very much needed, had for a long time been talked about, but the matter was put into shape by the vicar, who called a meeting on the 12th December, 1887, when it was decided that a new church should be built, and a building fund was opened, £3,000 being promised. That sum was soon considerably augmented, and the committee felt justified in commencing operations. Several plans were sent in for approval, with the result that those of Messrs. Wild, Collins, and Wild were selected as the most suitable. The tender of E. Whittaker's executors was selected for pulling down the old building, which had existed for over 130 years.—A collect having been repeated by the Vicar, a trowel, bearing a suitable inscription, was presented by Mr. R. Mellor, J.P., to Mrs. John Holden, who laid the first stone and placed a vessel in the cavity containing a Bible, Prayer Book, and three local papers, and over the cavity was fixed a plate. The Masonic ceremony was then gone through, the trowel being presented to Colonel Starkie by Bro. Dr. Lacey, and the mallet by Bro. Dr. Young. The prayer was offered by the P.G. Chaplain, Rev. B. Bagot, while the solo was rendered by Bro. J. Schofield. On the plate was the inscription, "This stone was laid by Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. East Lancashire, and P.G.W. of England, with Masonic honours, on the 6th day of April, 1889. Edward T. Wigg, vicar; T. S. Lacey and T. Lees, churchwardens."—A vote of thanks having been accorded to Col. Starkie and Mrs. Holden, the National Anthem (Masonic version) was sung and the assembly dispersed, a large number adjourning to the schoolroom, where an excel-

lent tea was provided.—In the evening a meeting was held in the large schoolroom, presided over by the vicar.—The Chairman having commented upon the success which had attended their undertaking that day, Dr. Bagot, of Beswick, addressed the meeting. Dr. Bagot, speaking of Masons, said they were very secret, but some of their secrets were open. One was at Wood Green, near London, in the shape of a boys' school; another was in the south of London, in the shape of a girls' school; a third was an institution for aged Masons at Croydon; while a fourth was in the form of an institution for educational purposes and systematic benevolence for the relief of distressed Masons in East Lancashire. He then proceeded to congratulate them upon the work in which they had been engaged that afternoon. He hoped they would not be discouraged in their work, and he asked them to take the ceremony that afternoon as a bright augury.—Archdeacon Anson, of Manchester, next addressed the meeting, giving Sunday school teachers good advice regarding their work.—The Chairman then called upon Mr. T. Seville as an old inhabitant, to tell them something about old times.—Mr. Seville said he dared say there were many present who knew as much about Royton and Royton Church as himself. Still, in his time, he had had much to do with church and school matters, and he must therefore of necessity know something of what had transpired in his earlier days. What was recently the church was then an ordinary chapel without a steeple, and he could assure them that, in his opinion, it was a very nice one. The curate, the Rev. Mr. Dawson, was not quite satisfied with the place, and in 1828 a steeple was erected. This was considered to have been a very great improvement to the place, and after it had been put up for some time they received a gift from Oldham—about the only gift they ever received from that place—(laughter)—in the shape of an old bell. (Renewed laughter.) He did not know where that bell was at the present time, but he hoped it was preserved. About 1832 the lower storey of the school in which they were assembled was built, and he need not tell them that it was considered to be a first-class school. That school was carried on with great success for many years. He should also remind them that the old Village School, even before that time, was

connected with the church, for every Sunday the scholars went from that school in the same way as they went from the school in which they were sitting. Progress continued to be made and it became necessary to enlarge the church at the east and west ends. This was done in 1854, about a century after it was first erected. Through the kindness of Miss Holden a chancel was erected subsequently, and now that day they had been laying the foundation stones of a new church, which had been wanted for the last twenty years, and would no doubt have been raised before that time had not circumstances prevented it. In old days there was a great deal of gardening in the village, and periodically the gardeners used to meet to ascertain whose gooseberries were the largest. (Laughter.) He trusted that Royton would progress in the future as it had in the past, and he also hoped that the church, when erected, would be well filled. It was now twenty-five years since the mission church was erected, and that building was found to be very useful, and was carried on with great success. Afterwards the school at Edge-lane was opened, and at a later period a gentleman from Liverpool built a school at Heyside at his sole expense. Scholars were soon obtained at the last-named place, and it was soon found necessary to build a church. One of the chief characteristics of the people of Royton had always been a desire to help forward church and school matters, and he hoped such a feeling would continue.—During the evening other addresses were delivered, and at intervals anthems, &c., were rendered by the church choir.

Saturday, April 20th, 1889.

NOTES.

[299.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Burials 1658

Aprill

Jane wife of willm Kershaw buried the 17th of Aprill

Richard whythead buried the 22th of Aprill

A Child of Duckworths buried the 24th of Aprill.

The wife of Robt Leese broadbent buried the 26th Day

The wife of Abraham Ogden of hollinwood buried the 28th day

Sara Cheetham buried 30th Aprill

May

A Child of Robt Thorpe buried the 17th of May

John Taylor of Thorpe buried the 21th of May

Grace brearley of Mosse Yate burd the 22th of May

Thomas Sonne of Sam Scoffeld buried the 26th of May

June

Sam: Crompton buried the 2th of June

Ould John whittaker buried the 7th of June

Judith wife of Raphe Jackson buried the 12th June

Ed: Sonne of Edmund whittaker buried the 25th day

Mrs wrigley buried the 30th of June

George Taylor buried the 30th of June

July

John Leese buried the 3th of July

Judith Doughter of Henry Garside buried the 6th Day

Phineas Chadwick buried the 13th day

The wife of Sam: Collenson buried the 19th day

August

James Hale buried the 30th of August

will wild of bortshaw buried the 1 of September

Mary. James winterbothom wife buried the 19th of August

Thomas Sonne of Thomas winterbothom buried 23th of August

Margret wife of John Buckley buried the 23th of August

September

Robt Shellmerdine buried the 6th of Septembr

Anne wife of Sam Schoffeild of holdens buried the Same day

James Scholes of Chaderton buried the 7th of Sept

John Knott buried the Same day
Also widdow Scholes
Alis wife of James Buersell buried the 8th Day
George Somester buried the 9th Day
Anne Doughter of James Taylor of Chaderton, buried the 20th Day

October

John Marsland wife buried the 5th of October
widdow hoppwood buried the Same Day
Alis wife of John Smethurst buried the 8th Day
a Child of Robt Marler buried the 26th Day

Nouember

A Sonne of Raphe Jacksone buried the 5th of Nouembr

Desember

A Child of Edm: Milnes the 15th of Desember
John Sonne of Ed: Schoffeild buried the 18th of Desembr
Alis wife of Raphe Sandeforth buried the 20th Day
James Leese keck buried the 26th Day

January

John Sonne of John Ogden of greenakers buried the 22th of Jan

ffebruary

A Child of John Ogden of humphrey lane buried the 6th of ffebruary
Anna hale buried the 24th of ffebruary
James Randles wife buried the 26th of febru

March

Elizabeth Doughter of Ed: Smith buried the 13th of March
A Child of John Bruckes of Bury buried the 21th of March

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Saturday, April 27th, 1889.

NOTES.

[300.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptisms 1659

Aprill 1659

Elizabeth Doughter of Jsaake leese baptised the 3d Day

James Sonne of John Wild ffogglane baptised the 10th Day

John Sonne of John Butterworth baptisd the 10th Day

John base Sonne of Edmund Newton baptisd the 17th Day

Anna Doughter of Richard Pillkington baptisd
Robert Sonne of John Jackson baptisd
John Sonne of James Leese of Leese baptisd
Jsaake Sonne of ffranchis Clegge baptisd
} 24 Day of April 1659

Richard Sonne of Thomas Assheton stocklane baptisd the 27th Day borne the 22th Day

May

James Sonne of Peeter Collengge baptisd the 1th May

Jane Doughter of James Wild baptisd the
James Sonne of John Leese baptisd the
} 8th Day

Luke Sonne of Luke Hallowes baptisd the
George Sonne of John Thorpe baptisd the
} 22th Day

Willm Sonne of Edmund Kershaw baptisd the the 29th of may

June

Nathan Sonne of Nathan Lomax baptisd the 9th Day

Joseph Sonne of Joseph Cudworth
Mary Doughter of James Leese baptisd
} 12th Day

John Sonne of John Breareley of Barrashaw baptisd 26 Day

July

Anne Doughter of Edm: Taylor
Anne Doughter of Thom: winterbothom Thonelee
} 3d Day

Sara Doughter of John Jackson baptisd the 10th Day

John Sonne of Adam Ogden Swine Clough baptisd 24th

August

Sara Doughter of Jsaake Leese baptisd the 7th Day

Mary Doughter of Raphe Travis baptisd 14th

Mary Doughter of John Holinworth baptisd 21th Day

September

Anne Doughter of Richard Milnes baptisd 1th Day

Jonas Sonne of Robert Millnes baptisd 18th Day

John Sonne of Robert Thorpe baptisd the 18th Day

Mary Doughter of John Scholes baptisd the 25th Day

Edmund Sonne of Edward Taylor } baptisd the
Jonathan Sonne of Robt Newton } 25th Day

Nouember 1659

Thomas Sonne of Thomas Bury baptisd 6th Day

James Sonne of John Tettlow baptisd 13th Day

Desember

James Sonne of James Leese Couldhurst baptisd 14th Desember

James Sonne of Edm: Buckley baptisd } the 27th
Jsaake Sonne of Adam Hibbert baptisd } Day

Anne Doughter of James Newton baptisd 11th Day

Robt base Sonne of Robt Wolsencroft by Mary Sevell 11th Day

Raphe Sonne of Raphe Jackson baptisd the 18th Day

James Sonne of James Wild baptisd 25th of Desember

ffebruary.

Joseph Sonne ot Noah Hallowes baptisd 5th
Sara Doughter of Thomas Williamson baptisd 5th
James Sonne of James Newton Leese baptisd 5th
} ffebruary

Allis Doughter of Simeon Kershaw baptisd Mary Doughter of John Leese baptisd Mary Doughter of Randell Whittaker baptisd	12th

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LANGLEY HALL, NEAR MIDDLETON.

A Heywood contemporary publishes the following interesting account of this old place, which was recently demolished, and which contained some ancient carvings, &c. It was situate on the road from Middleton to Birch by the field route from the top of Middleton. The description was collated by Mr. E. Oldfield, of Hopwood, and read by him at a meeting of a literary society in Heywood. It has reference more to Middleton than the former town. Mr. Oldfield said that feeling inclined for a country ramble in the summer of 1886, he wended his way towards Birch and Langley-lane. Taking the path across the fields towards Middleton he observed men pulling down what appeared to be the ruins of an old farmhouse, but which he afterwards found was Langley Hall, and on a piece of the roof timbers he found inscribed "1358," which showed that the building was erected in that year. This discovery had led him into a long course of study, and the result had been that he got together matter sufficient to occupy at least three nights. He could only deal with the matter briefly and generally that night: but as the details of antiquarian research would be more in keeping with the objects of the Literary Society, he hoped to go more fully into the matter before that body. In 1351 John of Gaunt presented William de Langley, clerk, to the rectory of Middleton. He was probably connected with the feudal house of Middleton by marriage; Sir Roger de Middleton, knight, who died without male issue in 1323, leaving six daughters as his co-heiresses. Langley Hall, the seat of the Langleys for more than a hundred years, passed by sale from Thomas Langley, gentleman, of Essex, to "Jamys Radclyff," of the Foxdenton House, near Middleton, in the year 1467. It remained in that family 164 years, and in 1631 it was sold by Gabriel Tudor, gentleman, and Mary, his wife, daughter and heiress of Owen Radclyff, Esq., to Henry Wrigley, of Manchester, in whose family it remained over a hundred years. In 1740 it was

conveyed in marriage by Betty, daughter and heiress of the Rev. Henry Wrigley, B.D., to the Rev. Michael Ferebee, B.A., chaplain to Colonel Egerton's regiment, by whose descendant the estate was sold in 1846 for £30,000, to Mr. James Collinge, of Oldham. It is now in possession of his daughter, Mrs. Barlow. The lecturer then proceeded to sketch in a brief but graphic manner the remarkable career of one of Middleton's greatest sons and forgotten friend. Thomas de Langley was born about 1370 from a family resident at Langley, and his part in the great drama of life was played out through a long series of years. He became Cardinal Langley, and exercised a power almost equal if not superior in some respects to that of royalty itself. The see over which he presided embraced the whole of Yorkshire, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, and extended in a straight line for 130 miles. It was remarkable that the connection of this great prelate with Middleton should be so little recognised. He rebuilt the Middleton Parish Church in the year 1412, and at the same time erected and endowed a free school for the teaching of poor children, the building being known as the Grammar School. By his will, dated March 12th, 1554, Thomas Mawdsley, who was the master of the Grammar School and incumbent of the charity founded by Langley, appointed by the "supervisors of his will" Edmund Hopwood, Esquire, and "Maister Robert Asheton, Parson of Middleton;" to the last-named he left his New Testament written on parchment. He also left a legacy to "Maister Nowell," and from this fact it was not improbable that the dean of St. Paul's and his learned brother Robert had been educated by Mawdsley at the Middleton Grammar School. It was more than probable that the free grammar school at this time was the school of the parish, for Dean Nowell, just before the death of his brother Robert, was requested to "forget not Middleton School, where we and other of our brethren were taught in our childhood." Neither Dean Nowell nor the great Cardinal Langley forgot the home of their childhood, and their connection with the county of Lancashire. Mr. Oldfield added that in his opinion Middleton had a debt to pay. If they did not come to the knowledge by any other means he should do his best, in his humble way, to make the inhabitants of the neigh-

bouring borough acquainted with the fact that one of the noblest characters of the many that had adorned the history of this country was of their own sons. At their municipal feasts they talked about Dean Nowell, but seemed to completely ignore Langley. It was evident that if he founded no great families he left the bulk of his riches to be devoted to the poor and the church. Mr. Oldfield promised to give some further particulars at another meeting.

Saturday, May 4th, 1889

NOTES.

[301.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Marriages Ann Dm 1659

June

John Taylor tooke to wife mary Taylier } vij

Mr beniamin wrigley tooke to wife Ann Hilton-heabers } viij

August

ffrancis Baguley took to wife Ann Shaw } xxiij

Burialls 1659

March

A Child of John wolfendens buried the 27th of March

Ould Rodger Orrell buried the 28th March

April

Alis Doughter of John Jackson of this Toun buried the 10th of Aprill

John Buckley of Reez Croft buried

James Hudson buried the 18th of Aprill

Raphe Kershaw buried the 20th of Aprill

Abraham Breareley buried the 22th of Aprill.

Anne Wife of Thomas Assheton buried the 27th of Aprill

May

Sara Wife of John Jackson buried the 5th of May

George Wolsen Croft buried the 7th of May

The wife of Robert Buckley of Crompton buried the 7th Day

John Sonne of John Houlden buried the 15th Day

John Ogden of Nether hey buried the 26th day

John Buckley wife and Abigaell Jackson buried the 28th May

June

Richard and Nathan fletcher Buried the 1th of June

Seath Assheton wife buried the 16th of June

Sara wife of Arthur breareley buried the 21th of June

A Child of Daniell Leese buried the 28th Day

John Knott buried the 29th of June

July

Jane Richardsons Mayd buried the 19th July

James Breareley poden buried the 25th July

August

The wife of Thomas Meller of Shouer 6th of August

Sam: hale buried the 21th of August

September

John Assheton buried the 9th Day of September

Jzabell wife of Edmund whythead buried the 17th Day of September

A Child of Edmund Wolsnam buried the 24th of September

The wife of John Wild of Couleshaw buried the 25th of Septembr

October

Thomas Taylor of hie Crompton buried the 15th of October

Sara Whythead buried the 16th of October

Martha Assheton buried the 23th of October

November

Thomas Goddard wife buried the 23th of Nouember

John Bagueley buried the 25th of Nouember

a Child of Edm: Taylor buried the 30th of Nouember

December

Katheren wife of John worrall buried the 2th of Desember 1659

January

Grace wife of Edmund Whittaker buried the 11th of January

Robert hale of Chaderton buried the 26th of January

James Leese parke buried the 31th of January

February

James Leese wife Greeneakers buried the 2th of february

A Child of Mr. Biroms buried the 7th of feb:

Jzabell Newton buried the 7th of feb:

Lucie wife of Edmund Smethurst buried the 24th of feb:

Raphe Meller wife buried the 27th of feb:

March

John Hollinworth buried the 4th of March

Tannore wife buried the 10th Day

A Child of Joseph heape buried the 10th of March

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Saturday, May 11th, 1889

NOTES.

[302.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptisms 1660

March 1660

Elizabeth Doughter of hugh Annis baptisd 11th Day

Edmund Sonne of Richard Hale baptisd 25th Day

Aprill 1660

Sarah Doughter of John Leese backe edge baptisd } the 8th of April 1660
Adam Sonne of John wolfenden baptisd } the 8th of April 1660
George Sonne of George wolsencroft baptisd } the 8th of April 1660

July

John Sonne of James Hoppwood baptisd the 15th of July

On another page we find the following:—

Anno Dom 1660

April

Edward Sonne of Robt Duckworth
Judith Doughter of Willm Kershaw baptisd } 15th Aprill

James Sonne of Joshua hale baptisd 15th Aprill

James Sonne of Samuell Knott baptisd 22th Aprill

May

Sara Doughter of Richard Bexwicke baptisd 6th May

Abraham Sonne of Abraham Scholes and
Charles Sonne of Willm barnes baptd 13th May }

Mary Doughter of James Kenion baptisd
Jane Doughter of Raphe Sandeforth baptisd } 20th May

John Sonne of John Bardsley baptised the 27th of May

June

Thomas and John Sonnes of James Buersell and
John Ogden baptisd 10th June }

Zacaria base sonne of John Brearly and Jane
Doughter of James hoppwood baptisd 17th June }

James base Sonne of John Stott baptisd
the 30th of June }

July

John Sonne of James Hoppwood baptisd
Richard Sonne of Edmund Godard baptisd
James Sonne of James buersell baptisd } 15th July

August 1660

Jane Doughter of John Shaw baptisd
John Sonne of John Lomaxx baptd } 5th

September

James Sonne of Samuell Garside
Mary Doughter of Joseph Hill baptisd } 23th September

Thomas Sonne of Thomas Greaue baptisd 30th of September 1660

Marriages Anno Dom 1660

June

James Neild took to wife } xxvij
dorothy Newton

August

Joshua Taylor tooke to wife } xxi
Ann kershaw

September

Thomas scholes tooke to wife } xxiv
mary Pendleton

Raph Jackson tooke to wife }
Ann Hallowes

October

John Lees tooke to wife } iij
mary lees

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Burialls 1660

March

John Hardie buried the 26th of March

Edmund Mellor buried the 27th of March

Aprill

The wife of John Buckley of Shouer buried the 14th of Aprill

Marke whythead buried the 15th of Aprill

Susanna Couper buried the 28th of Aprill

May

Edmund whittaker buried the 4th of May

Anne wife of James Leese Clarefeild buried the 18th May

Sauter wife lanehead buried the 4th of May

Swash wife buried the 25th of May

July

Henry Boulton buried the 5th of July

Catharen wife of Edmund Meller buried the 18th of July

Saturday, May 18th, 1889.

NOTES.

[303.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

A True Regester of the Children baptisd at Shaw Chappell as the weare Deliuered to mee by Abraham Wild Clarke in the year 1653 vizt

Nouembr

John Sonne of Alexander Butterworth baptisd ye 20th of Nouembr

John Sonne of Abraham Haworth baptisd the 20th of Nouembr

Desember

John Sonne of John Schoffeild baptisd the 4th of Desember

January

Jsaake Sonne of James Pares of Shouer baptisd 1 January

Sara and Anne Doughters of Abraham Wild baptisd 6th of January

Mary Doughter of Lawrence Buckley baptisd 15th of January

Sara Doughter of Miles greaue baptisd the 15th of January

ffebruary

Mary Doughter of Willm Crompton baptisd the 12th of ffebruary

Anne Doughter of Samuell Hudson baptisd the 12th of ffebruary

March

Mary Doughter of Henry Joanes baptisd the 14th of March

1654

Aprill

John Sonne of Edmund Mathew baptisd the 2th of Aprill

July

James Sonne of James Collingge baptisd the 16th of July

Jsaake Sonne of Jsaake Wild baptisd the 16th of July

August

John Sonne of Joseph Wild of Low Crompton baptisd 6th of August

Marke Sonne of James Mellor baptisd the 20th of August

September

John Sonne of Robert Maden baptisd the 17th of September

Mary Doughter of ffrancis Clegge baptisd the 17th of Septembr

Mary Doughter of James Andrew baptisd the 17th of Septembr

October

Sara Doughter of James Leese of Parke baptisd the 8th of Ocetober

James Sonne of Adam Hainthorne baptisd the 22th of October

Abraham Sonne of Abraham Wild baptisd the 8th of October

Nouember

Katheren Doughter of James Couper baptisd the 5th of Nouembr

Desembr

John Sonne of Henry stocke baptisd the 17th of Desembr

Ester Doughter of Samuell Crompton baptisd the 31st of Desember

January

Jsaake Sonne of John Wrigley baptisd the 7th of January.

John Sonne of Adam Clegge baptisd the 14th of January

Ellnor Doughter of Thomas Millnes baptisd 14th of January

Jane Doughter of Samuell Taylor baptisd the 28th of January

ffebruary

Jane Doughter of John Leese baptisd the 11th of ffebruary

Alis Doughter of Miles Schoffeild of Sadleworth baptised the 11th Day of ffebruary

March

James Sonne of John Hainthorne baptisd the 4th of March

George Sonne of James Garside the 11th of March

Martha Doughter of ffrancis Platt baptisd the 4th of March

Jane Doughter of Abell ffitton baptisd the 11th of March

Jonathan Sonne of Joseph Cheetam baptisd the 18th of March

Joseph Sonne of James Wild of Royton baptisd the 25th of March

1655

Aprill

John Sonne of Simion Kershaw baptisd the 1th of Aprill

Joan Bastard of Sam: Butterworth baptisd the 20th of Aprill

June 1655

Anne Doughter of James Mathew baptisd the 10th Day of June

July

Mary Doughter of John Wolfenden baptisd the 17th of July 1655

August

Sara Doughter of Robt Henthorne baptisd 5th of August 1655

Abell Sonne of James Buckley. Greenehill baptisd 22 of July 1655

October

Grace Doughter of Richard Joanes Baptisd the 14th of October 1655

November

Raph Sonne of John Hillton of Poden Baptisd the 11th of Nouember

James Sonne of James Butterworth Baptisd } the 18th of Nouember 1655

Catheren Doughter of Will Hewood baptisd } the 18th of Nouember 1655

Martha Doughter of James Wild of Baptisd 25th of Nouer

December

Martha Doughter of John Wild of Baptisd 16th of December

Lawrence Sonne of Raphe Hazlam baptisd the 16th of December

Mary Doughter of Miles Greaue baptisd the 12th of Decembr

G. SHAW.

Saturday, May 25th, 1889.

NOTES.

[304.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

James Sonne of James Leese of Parke borne the 7th of february baptisd the 10th of the Same

John Sonne of James Collingge of High Crompton baptisd 24th of ffebruary

Mary Doughter of James Greaue borne the 18th of february baptisd 24th of feb

Mary Doughter of Alexander butterworth borne 13th of february baptisd 24th of ye same

March

Sara Doughter of John hillton borne 1 Day of march baptisd 9th of the Same

James Sonne of Abraham Haworth borne the 18th of March baptised the 23th of the Same

Jsaake Sonne of Robert Wild of Heyside borne the 19th of March 1655 baptised the 30th of March 1656

1656

May.

John Sonne of Henry Jones borne the 22 of May baptisd the 25th of the same

June

John Sonne of Lawrence Buckley baptisd the first of June 1656

John Sonne of John Hudson baptisd the 8th Day of June 1656

Mary Doughter of Samuell Crompton of ston Lee baptisd 22 June

Mary Doughter of John Clegge baptised the 29th of June 1656

July

Abraham Sonne of Abraham Hilton baptisd the 20th of July 1656

August

John Bastard Sonne of Edmund Wild baptisd the 3d of August

Joseph Sonne of James Cocker of Shoner baptisd the 24th of August

Anne Doughter of Edm: Mathew baptisd 17th of August

September

Mary Doughter of James Broune baptised the 21th of September 1656

John Sonne of John Butterworth borne the 23d of September baptisd the 28th of the same

October 1656

Martha Doughter of Abraham Wild baptised the 19th of October borne the 12th of the Same

Nonember

John Sonne of Henry stocke borne the 28th of October and baptised the 2:h of Nouember

December

Alis Doughter of James Wild Jn Ryton baptised the 14th of December

March

Luke Sonne of James Mellor baptised 15th March 1656

Mary Doughter of Samuell baptised the 15th March 56

Elizabeth Doughter of Abraham Wild baptisd the 29th March

1657

April

John Leese Sonne of John Leese baptisd ye 5th Aprill

Edmund Sonne of Edmund Wild baptisd the 24th Aprill

July

Samuell Sonne of Edmund Haworth baptisd the 26th of July

August

John Sonne of James Butterworth baptised the 2th of August

John Sonne of Adam Clegg baptised the 9th of August

December

John Sonne of James Collenge baptised the 13th day of Desember

Robert Sonne of Joseph Wild of Ryton baptised the Same Day

Thomas Millnes Sonne of Thomas baptised the 27th of December

January

Catheren Doughter of Robert Schoffeild baptisd the 10th of January

February

James Sonne of James Haworth baptisd the 7th of ffebruary

Margret Doughter of Henry Ryley baptised the Same Day

Debora Doughter of John Worrall baptisd the 14th Day ffebruary

Alis Doughter of James Hillton baptised } 14th Day of ffebruary
John Sonne of James Mathew baptisd }

Mary Doughter of Jaaake Wild baptisd the 21th of ffeb:

Abraham Sonne of James Buckley baptised the 28th of ffeb:

June

John Sonne of Samuell Taylor baptisd the 27th of June

July

Sara Doughter of of John Wild baptisd the 18th of July

August

Miles Sonne of Miles Greane baptisd the 15th of August

Mary Doughter or John Wild the Same Day

Jane Doughter of Alexander Butterworth baptisd 15th August

Martha Doughter of John Haynetherne baptisd 21th August

September

John Sonne of John Wollfenden baptisd the 5th of September

October

Martha Doughter of Abraham Wild shawmore baptisd 19th Octobr

Joseph Sonne of Sam: hallowes baptisd 3th Octobr

November

Edm Sonne of Edmund Mathew baptisd 7th Nouembr

December

James Sonne of James Wild of Crompton baptied 5th Desembr

1659

John Sonne of Raph mellor was baptised at Shaw Chappell the 20th of ffebruary 1659.

Saturday, June 1st, 1889.

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The fifth volume of the registers commences—

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by

HENRY WHITTAKER

Then Clearke.

Samuell fill Robert Constantine Minister of Ouldham Edmund fill James whitehead of lower Cowhill	xxv

December

Danieli fill Thomas Lees high knowles p ish Ashton	ij
sarah fill James Clayton of Hall bottom	xvj
John fill Jsaack Ogden near Hall bottom	xvij
John fill Jsaack Lees of the p ish of Ashton B B James bastard of Aam wolfendin and Elisabeth sandiforth both of Hollinwood	xxiij

January

Mary fill John Lees of the p ish of Saddleworth Raphe fill John Mellor vnder Ouldham Edge Robert fill John Baxter of the p ish of Mano ter	vj
Elisabeth fill John Andrew of glodwick Thomas fill Ambrose Jackson vnder Ould: edge	xx
Sara fill Robert Ogden of denton	xxiv
Daniell fill Robert Sandiforth Sara fill John Streinger — both of Hollinwood	xxvij

ffebruary

Dorcas fill John Ogden of greenacres	iij
Richard fill Oliuer Shaw of preston	x
Samuel fill Edmund Marler of Hollinwood B Ann fill Joshua Taylor of Ryton	xvij
John fill ffrancis Baguley in Ouldham	xxiv

March

Jonathan fill James Neild Jane fill Joseph Lees — both of Coleshaw James fill Edmund Mathew of Tongemore John and Ruth fills James whitehead of thaile hill. The said John being then 3 yeares old & vpward	x

Ann fill Abraham Taylor of Hopkin fould James fill George Platt of Chadderton millne	xxiv

The names of such as were married
Att Ouldham Anno domi 1660

John Knott Tooke to wife Ann Bromeley	October xxix
Nouember	
December	
Jomas Standiforth tooke to wife mary whitaker	iv
John Buersell of Newton lane tooke to wife Jane Leach of Ratchdale James Platt tooke to wife sara whitaker	xxvij
January	
Theophilus Ogden tooke to wife Ellen winterbothom at middleton	viij

G. SHAW.

ANTIQUARIANS' VISIT TO MIDDLETON.

On Saturday the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society visited Middleton, and were received by the Mayor, Town Clerk, and several members of the Corporation and friends. A party of about 60 were got together, and they visited most of the places of interest in the town of an ancient character. Of course the old church was a particular object of interest, and a paper was read by Mr. Giles Shaw dealing at some length on the ancient history of the edifice and the historical facts connected with it. The church contains some fine stained-glass windows, some of which represent the Middleton archers who were at Flodden with Sir Ralph Assheton, the Assheton Chapel being named after him. It is said there was "a parson of Middleton" about the year 1300. An old stone coffin was once found about the church. The chancel is separated from the nave by a high open screen of black oak, of Tudor times, the lower part being carved with heraldic designs of the Asshetons and other notables formerly connected with Middleton. A light railing encloses the sacrarium, where stands the old stone altar, with its five incised crosses in commemoration of the five wounds, in front of a handsome carved reredos of

various coloured marble. A handsome pulpit of open carved work occupies the place of the old three-decker. One feature of the outside of the church is the old oak dovecot of a steeple, which Middleton people would perhaps not like to see removed, as they have a fancy that the bells sound sweeter through it than the modern stone steeples. An antiquarian who visited the church some time ago, about 1871, thus describes the interior:—"The distinguishing feature of Middleton, however, is its church. This contains specimens of architecture of various dates, portions of it having been built or added at several times. Externally, it is built chiefly of a light, yellowish, grey stone, having a square early tower, surmounted by a wooden belfry at the western end of a broad nave with aisles, and has a chancel at the eastern end. The chancel has been lately rebuilt according to its former design. Inside the church used to be a model of an ill-used country church, the ground floor encumbered with what is now popularly known as a three-decker, and high, straight-backed pews; a gallery at the west end, with an organ, imminent and portentous, and a large brazen candlestick pendant from the roof, with as many arms as the fabled Vishnu or the classic Briareus. The arch opening from the nave to the ground floor of the tower is more distinctly Norman than the other parts of the tower. The rest of the church is pretty much as it was built or rebuilt about 1400 by Thomas of Langley, which same Thomas was born at Langley Hall, a house still in existence, and standing within a mile of the church. Thomas was evidently a man diligent in his business, and he came, consequently, to stand before kings, and not before mean men. He built his church, or got it built, in a style that is as much superior to St. Saviour, Plymouth Grove, as Westminster Abbey is to the Grosvenor-street Methodist Chapel, and was afterwards Bishop of Durham, a cardinal, and Lord Chancellor of England, thus attaining the highest dignities in Church and State next the throne." The graveyard contains some old records. The party next visited the Grammar School, Back-o'th'-Brow, founded by Alexander Nowell, D.D., of St. Paul's, in 1572, in connection with Brazenose College, Oxford, where many "old boys" have been turned out who afterwards made their mark in the world. Gentlemen's sons came from all parts of the country

to this school, preparatory to going to college. Some around the neighbourhood came to school on ponies, which, in summer time, were turned into a paddock across the river till they were remounted at night to return home. The school was conducted by a head master and an usher. It is to this school the Middleton people are so anxious to restore the endowments, which were very good in former times. The Old Bear's Head, near the church, was an ancient hostelry which struck the attention of the antiquarians, the entrance to which is a very heavy ironwork door. A visit to Hopwood Hall was next made, and by the kindness of the captain and his lady they were shown through the rooms, one of which, the old furniture room, contains some rare curiosities. The hall is of about the time of Henry VIII., with no prominent architectural features, but beautifully situated. The rectory was visited, and here is a grand oak room also. After the day had been far spent the antiquarians terminated their walk round and inspection by adjournment to the King o' Bells Inn, near the old church, where they dined together. Afterwards thanks were passed to the Mayor and friends for their part of guide, and the company left by train for Manchester, having spent a pleasant and interesting ramble and gained much information. Mr. Giles Shaw, of Oldham, acted as guide to the party.

Saturday, June 15th, 1889.

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[307.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

The names of such as were buried
Att Ouldham Anno Domini 1660

October
The wife of John Ogden of Humfrey lane .. xxiij
A Child of Cowp brodey lane xxiv
his wife ..... xxvij
A Child of Raph winterbothom
Ashton p ish ..... xxviij

Nouember
The wife of John wyld greenacres moore .. ij

John Jackson fough lane } sepult..... ix
A Child of John wyld }

Richard meddoweroft atak leech sepit.....x

Ann of Edm Schoffeild and martha wiaterbothom } ..... xviij

The wife of Thomas Ashton priest hill xx

December

vxr George Somester.....iv

January

A Child of James Jackson Hollinwood.....vij

John Buckley in ouldham .....xiij

william Sonn of Robt wyld Heyside } xv

vxr John Jackson, pits.....xxij

ffebruary

vxr John Butterworth Aboue baile .....xvij

A Child of Myles wyld Crompton }
A Child of John Jackson Hollinwood } .....xxj

Another Child of Myles wyld Crompton } xxiv

A bastard Child of George Scholes Chadderton yate } xxvi

The wife of John Jackson Copster hill } .....xxviij

March

Anno Domini 1661 the names of such as were baptised at Ouldham.

March

Mary fill James Brearley of dirtcarr.....xxxj

Aprill

Daniell fill James Lees of glodwick }
Mary fill Joseph Cudworth of Ryton } .....vij

Ann fill Lawrence Lees of greenacres }
John fill Samuell Lees in Ouldham } xiv

Matthew fill Raph Travis Torue lane }
Mary fill Adam Ogden swine Clough } .....xxj
Mary fill Noah Hallowes }
Dinah fill Roger meall lees Ashton p ish }

Edmund ffill of James Roads
Thomas ffill of Thomas Lees of New rode in ye pish of Ashton ..... xxviij

May

Mary ffill Richard winterbothom butcher
Henry } Sonnes of James Brearley
Robert } of Dogg hill ..... xij

June

Jane ffill of Laurence Buckley Aboue bayle ..... ij
Jacob ffill of Abraham Ogden of Coleshaw ix
Richard ffill of John Ashton Alias brumit ..... xvj
Abraham ffill of James Buckley of Richcroft
Sarah ffill of Joshua Heyward of Lowside xxx

July

Raphe ffill of Raph Jackson of priesthill
Sarah ffill of John Taylorof little moore
Thomas ffill of Thomas Atherson tinker xxi
Thomas ffill of John Taylor of Denton xxx

August

Samuell ffill of william Lees naillor
Jane ffill of John Lees of Ashton p ish v
Mary ffill of Edmund Taylor of Dirtoarre
Sarah ffill of John Lees of Hodgclough
James ffill of James Platt of Austerlands—bastard
B B Jane ffill of Ja: Cass & Sara brearley—bastard xi

September

John ffill of ffrancis Clegg of sholuer ..... j
Jane ffill of George Clough of Ashton p ish ..... viij
John ffill of Thomas Scholes of lower house ..... xij

John ffill of Jonathan Greane of neather hey
Edmund ffill of Edmund Newton vnder Edge } xv

Martha ffill of Myles meall of Ashton p ish
James ffill of James Lees, smith in this towne
Susanah ffill of John Knott north more } xxij

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[308]. REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Baptisms 1661

(*Continued.*)

October

James ffill John Pollet of gledwick
James ffill of John Savill of Austerlands } .....vj

Isaack ffill of Abraham Ogden of greenacres moore } x

Hannah ffill of John Scholes of fowleach .....xiij

Martha ffill of Robert Street of Aplt xx

Theophilus ffill of Theophilus Ogden at shaw
Thomas ffill of Jonas standiforth hall botom
B John ffill of John Whittaker of priest hill bastard } ..xxvij

Nouember

Samuell ffill of John Brearley of barowshaw ..iij

Robert ffill of James Newton vnder Thedge
Ann ffill of James Hall of greenacres } ...x

James ffill of James Buersell of stock lane
John ffill of Peter Collinge of ouer Cowhill
Robert ffill of Randall whittaker of Coleshaw } xvij

Jane ffill of Raphe Houlden of Ryley
Martha ffill James Jackson of Hollinwood
Mary ffill of Caleb Marland of Alt } xxiv

December

John ffill of Abraham Clegg of block lane
Thom: ffill of John winterbothom in Oulcham } .....j

Thom: ffill of James Ogden of fough lane.....xxii

Edmund ffill of John Smethurst shoo-maker
James ffill of James wyld overside of Hollinwood
B B Ruth ffill of Ann Marsland bastard
} x

January

Susaunah ffill of Edmund schoffeild butcher
Sarah ffill of Edmund Buckley of Chamber yate
} v

Mary ffill of John Bardsley in Ouldham
} xix

Alice ffill of Beniamin Wrigley gent.....xxv

ffebruary

John ffill of Jsaack Lees of Clarksfeild.....ij

John ffill of John Thorpe of Hunt lane
Jsaack ffill of Nathan Lomax
B Mary ffill of John Stott of Hollinwood
} ix

Jane ffill of Edmund Lees of Austerlands
Mary fill of Halt John Taylor
John ffill of Thomas Lees of Ashton p ish
Phabbian soone of Nicholas whitehead
} ...xvj

Samuell ffill of James wyld of lower end of hollinwood
Jsaac ffill James Pares of sholuer
} .....ij

March

Edmund ffill of Edmund Bishop
James ffill of James Buersell of hollinwood
samuell ffill of Richard wood of shelderslow
} ...ij

Henry ffill of Edward Taylor of harkenstead yate
Ann ffill of Samuell Lees of dirt carre
Sarah ffill of Amos Bardsley of Ashton p ish
} ix

Abraham ffill of James wyld of Cowlishaw ..xxiij

Saturday, June 29th, 1889.

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[309.] REGISTERS OF OLDHAM CHURCH.

Marriages 1661

Aprill

John Smethurst tooke to wife mary whitehead .....ij

John Ogden tooke to wife mary Stott xv

Andrew Crompton tooke to wife Ann Dickson of saddleworth xxv

May

James Buersell of Hollinwood took to wife Sarah Hurst of wood Houses in Ashton p ishe .....ij

John Scholes of lower towne tooke to wife mary Booth of little greene at Middleton
Samuell Hilton of dirtscart tooke to wife Susan Collinge of the pishe of prestwich at middleton
Edmund Bishopp tooke to wife Anne Travis .....vij

Edward Smethurst tooke to wife Martha Jackson .....xiij

James Jackson Tooke to wife Ann Moores xv

Jsaack Mellor of Crompton Aboue bayle tooke to wife Ann wyld of Cowdishaw at Rochdale
ffrancis Platt of shglner tooke to wife Martha Sutton of the Parish of Prestwich .....xxviij

June

John whittaker tooke to wife Mary Jackson...xj

John Buckley tooke to wife Sarah whittaker .....xviij

July

John Ashton tooke to wife Alice fitton of Heabers .....ij

John Jackson tooke to wife Cisley Lathom x

Thomas whitehead tooke to wife Alice Tetlow .....xviij

August

John Wild tooke to wife Alice Whitehead..xxvij

September

John Buckley of Ashton p ish tooke to wife Elizabeth Neild of Ouldham ... xxiv

October

Raphe Taylor tooke to wife Mary Bexwicke ... viij

Henry Ashton tooke to wife Elizabeth Kent at middleton ... xxj

Nouember

Henry whittworth tooke to wife Ann Hodskinson ... xij

Thomas Tetlow tooke to wife Mary Holland at machr. ... xij

Richard whittaker tooke to wife Sara whittaker ... xxxj

December

James whittaker of lanehead in Ashton pish tooke to wife Sara Lees vnder Ouldham Edge ... xxv

Henry whittaker Clearke tooke to wife dorothy Johnson of the pish of prestwich ... xxvij

Edmund wolfenden tooke to wife Mary Taylor ... xxix

January

Jo: Taylor of Midleton tooke to wife mary Tetlow of north more at midln ... xij

Jo: smethurst tooke to wife Elizabeth Hall at Rachdale ... xij

Thomas Meller Dvxit Mary Armfield at motram ... 27

ffebruary

peter Collinson tooke to wife Alice whitehead at midleton ... A xv

Edward Scholes tooke to wife Mary Smethurst ... xj

March

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Burials Anno domini 1661

Aprill

Thomas Stayley ... iij

A Child of Thom: wardle & Judeth tibs bastard ... V

The wife of ffrancis Clegg ..... xvj
vxr. John Pollett glodwick ..... xvij
A Child of ffrancis Baguley ..... xxij
Richard Pilkinton ..... xxviij
Jsaack Greaue Crompton xxix
A Child of william Cromptons Aboue bayle.. xxx

May

The wife of John Bexwick of stock lane..... iij
Raph Jackson of Ouldham..... xxx

June

The wife of Thomas Tetlow broadey lane.... viij
The wife of Raphe fletcher..... xiv
Robert Ellis was found dead Aboue sholver } ..... xvij
Raph shaw of waterhead milline..... xx
John Hallowes Count-hill..... xxiv
John Newton of Cowcoalds ..... xxvij
Richard Hopwood of north moore..... xxviij
A Childe of Robte Marlers
A Childe of Samuell Lees in Ouldham } xxiv

July

mary sandiforth de wakefield..... i
Joshua Thorpe of Lower Horsedge sepult... xiii
The wife of John Rodes
A Childe of John Ogden of Humphrey lane } ... xiiii
A Childe of Joseph wyld..... xxi

August

A Child of Abraham Taylor hopkinfould..... xiv
A Child of James Buersell of Hollinwood.. xviij
The wife of Robert Bishop of Hunt lane.... xxi
Edmund sonn of James Whittaker Ashton p ish } xxiv

September

John Lees
Henry Newton } both of the pish of Ashton.. xiv
vx Adam wolfenden Hollinwood xv
A bastard Child of Tho: bromeley & Ellen wolstencroft } xx
The wife of James Lees of Shelderslow
A Child of Edmund Hill Riton } xxx

October

Edmund wyld of North moore sepult..... xv
Henry Hilton of dirtcarr ..... xvij

A new borne Child of Jsaack Ogdens Coleshaw xix
The wife of william Bane.....xxvi

Nouember

Robert Thorpe of Hathershaw .....ij
Two new borne bastard Children of Mary Mellor vnder Edge & John Hope of Midleton .....iiij
Abraham Taylor of glodwick .....vj
The wife of John Hollinworth .....xxiij
John sonne of Henry Ashton of Thaile moore .....xxvij

December

The wife of John Lees in Lees Thomas Ashton i
James Lees Taylor in the Lees iv
The wife John Maud v
sara Bardsley .....xvij
The wife of samuell worrall dills.....xxi
Thomas winterbothom of Lees in Ashton pish.xxxi

January

John Ogden of Burnley Yate .....viij
John fill Robert schoffeild of Crompton.....xvi
The wife of Raphe Hollinworth .....xvij
A Child of Thomas Hagh of Ashton p ish.....xxi
Mary winterbothom of Ouldham .....xxij
John dann of Ryton.....xxiij
George Crompton xxxi

ffebruary

John Sauill of Austerlands iv
A Child of Raphe Haslame of parke v
James Lees smith in Ouldham.....x
vx James Buckley of Rishcroft.....xij
vx Daniell Hilton of Cowlishaw The wife of Edmund Langley .....xiij
The wife of Robert wyld of Heyside xix
A bastard Child of Robt Bishop & Elizabeth Barlow xxiv
A Child of Robert Millnes of hollins.....xxv

March

Martha Saville of Austerlands A Bastard Child of Richard Tetlow and Martha Clough .....iij
A Child of Edmund Wolstenhulmes vi

vx Henry Boulton

xv A Child of Thomas Butterworth of whitfield

xvi Thomas Horrocks of Chadderton

xix The wife of John Taylor, of High-knowles

xxi The wife of John Ogden of Hollins

xxij A Child of Abraham Ogdens of Coleshawgreene

xxiij A new borne Child of James Halls

THE WHITSUNTIDE PROCESSION.

For several hours on Whit-Friday morning the principal thoroughfares in the town were closed to vehicular traffic according to custom, and the streets were monopolised by the scholars connected with the different Sunday schools taking part in the great Whitsuntide procession. This demonstration still retains its popularity, and must continue to do so under existing circumstances, for almost all who take a part in religious work are interested in it. The children look forward to it with feelings of pleasure and anticipation for months before the great day arrives, and parents take a special delight in providing new clothing and making their offspring as nice and attractive as possible for the occasion. Some may object to the dressing of children in new clothes at such times on the ground that it fosters pride, but what reasonable being would not prefer to see the youngsters appearing to feel a sense of their importance than otherwise? A nice dress as a rule encourages self-respect, and who can object to children respecting themselves? The weather on Whit-Friday morning—and the success of all such things depends entirely upon the weather—was fine, but not so bright as it would undoubtedly have been had those taking part in the procession had their choice. The sky was overcast, and about nine o'clock rain began to fall, but soon afterwards ceased, when things assumed a brighter aspect. Long before the time fixed for the commencement of the proceedings the streets presented a very animated appearance. Happy-looking boys and girls, and also men and women, were to be seen making their way to their respective schools, and large numbers of people were also to be seen walking about the streets waiting for the scholars to turn out. The beating of drums, the clashing of cymbals, and the braying of cornets and other instruments was also heard in different directions as bands proceeded to the schools for which they had been engaged. At nine o'clock members of the borough police force, looking very smart and wearing white gloves, made their way to different points to keep order and enforce the regulations, and shortly afterwards the scholars of the Northmoor Wesleyan Sunday School filed into the Old Market-place and took up their position. These were

immediately afterwards joined by the St. Domingo-street and the Lee-street Wesleyan Schools, and when all had got into position the hymn, "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," was sung, and this was followed by the National Anthem. By the time these schools had left the open space other schools were waiting to sing. It is time that committees of Sunday schools met together and decided to sing a few hymns in a body, as they do in Manchester and other towns. It may be argued that there is no central space large enough, but it has been pointed out to us that the ground in front of the Park entrance would be ample to hold all the scholars in Oldham, and this spot would in no way be inconvenient, but, on the other hand, it would be a place where schools from all points could easily assemble. The schools from the Glodwick end would be able to get there by Park-road, those from the central part of the town by Waterloo-street and Woodstock-street, and those from the Werneth end by the Ashton-road end of Park-road. This would save all the present inconvenience arising from one school having to wait while another finishes singing, and would also present a more imposing spectacle. Then again, under the existing arrangements, schools are continually passing and repassing each other in the streets, and having to wait in a bye-street while another school passes along the principal street. If all went on one spot this could be obviated by all joining together and marching in one long procession through the town. It is impossible to give an approximate estimate of the number taking part in the procession yesterday morning, but there were certainly very many thousands. Many of the schools were accompanied by bands, and there was a large display of banners and bannerettes. The footpaths were filled with spectators, and a large crowd was gathered near the Town Hall. Some of the schools did not take part in the procession, but preferred to go away from the town on trips. The scholars connected with the New Jerusalem Sunday School, Rochdale-road, went to Summershades, near Greenfield, the younger ones in waggons and the older by train. The following are the schools which took part in the procession :—

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Rock-street.—Superintendent, Mr. W T. Patterson. Teachers 20, boys 60, girls 82, total 162; Band

of Hope and temperance society, 70; books in library, 150; funds in sick society, £349. Established 1836. Amusements: Friday, procession round town in morning, in afternoon by train to Grotton for field at Lydgate; Saturday, picnic to Bettws-y-Coed, starting from Hollinwood at 3 a.m.

St. Andrew's.—Ministers, Revs. John Fairhurst, vicar, and James Dixon, curate; superintendents Messrs. J. K. Buckley, J. Jackson, and W. Smith. Teachers 45, boys 304, girls 450, total 799; Band of Hope and temperance society, 270; books in library, 450; funds in sick society, £100. Established 1865. Amusements: Friday morning, procession through town, headed by a new banner and the Wincham Old Temperance Brass Band, afternoon field at Chadderton; Saturday, teachers and monitors' picnic to Prestbury in waggonettes.

St. Stephen and All Martyrs'.—Minister, Rev. J. W. Orton; superintendents, Rev. J. W. Orton, Mr. Mills, and Miss Dickinson. Teachers 30, boys 270, girls 330, total 600; books in library, 450. Established 1872. Amusements: Friday, games in field at Derker, kindly lent by Hilton Greaves, Esq., J.P.

St. John's Werneth.—Minister, Rev. James D'Ombrain; superintendent, Mr. George Thompson. Teachers 25, boys 208, girls 206, total 439; funds in sick society, £1,000. Established 1847. Amusements: Friday, service in church at 9 30 a.m., afterwards procession round parish; afternoon, field sports in a field in Werneth Hall-road; evening, a free tea in school.

St. Margaret's, Hollinwood.—Superintendents, Miss Dyson, Messrs. T. H. Baker, Wm. Mellor, J. E. Tetlow, and J. H. Hall. Teachers 52, boys 235, girls 305, total 592; Band of Hope and temperance society, 129; books in library, 550; funds in sick society, £1,500. Established 1786. Amusements: Friday, walk round parish, tea in school, sports in field; Saturday, trip to Worcester and Malvern.

Christ Church, Chadderton (Central).—Ministers, Revs. Thos. Chapman, vicar, and Thos. Houghton, curate; superintendents, Messrs. Thos. Jones, John Samuel Jones, and Sugden. Teachers 61, boys 456, girls 470, total 987; Band of Hope and temperance society, 248; funds in sick society, £371. Established 1871. Amusements: Friday, walking in the district; Saturday, trip to Ingleton.

Christ Church (Denton-lane).—Ministers, Revs. Thos. Chapman, vicar, and Thos. Houghton, curate; superintendent, Mr. Schofield. Teachers 13, boys 114, girls 124, total 251; funds in sick society, £260 7s. 11½d. Established 1868. Amusements: Friday, walking round district; Saturday, trip to Ingleton.

Christ Church (Drury-lane).—Ministers, Revs. Thos. Chapman, vicar, and Thomas Houghton, curate; superintendents, Mr. Ward and Mr. Alfred Slater. Teachers 20, boys 171, girls 193, total 384; Band of

Hope and temperance society, 150; funds in sick society, £371. Established 1873. Amusements: Friday, walking in district; Saturday, trip to Ingleton.

Christ Church (Mission Room, Butler Green).—Ministers, Revs. Thos. Chapman, vicar, and Thos. Houghton, curate; superintendent, Mr. Wood. Teachers 5, boys 36, girls 44, total 85; Band of Hope and temperance society, 120. Established 1886. Amusements: Friday, walking in district; Saturday, trip to Ingleton. Additional note.—The whole number of scholars and teachers in the Christ Church Sunday Schools is 1,707; of the scholars in day schools, 1,222.

St. Matthew's, Chadderton.—Ministers, Revs. S. Weeks, vicar, and T, Pearson, curate; superintendent, Mr. James Ogden. Teachers 17, boys 70, girls 89, total 159; books in library, 302; funds in sick society, £80. Established 1848. Amusements: Friday, Disley; Saturday, march round village and play in field.

St. Mark's (Glodwick).—Ministers, Rev. G. S. Watts, vicar, Rev. T. R. Pennington, curate; superintendents. Messrs. Hilton Nield, Edward Ormrod, and Travis Ogden. Teachers 51, number of boys 402, number of girls 555, total 957. Amusements: Friday morning, procession; afternoon, field.

Christ Church (Glodwick). — Minister, Rev. J. Bumstead, M.A.; superintendents, Messrs. Stevenson and Johnson. Teachers 32, number of boys 230, number of girls 240, total 470; Band of Hope and temperance society, 120; books in library, 680; funds in sick society, £260. Amusements: Friday, play in field at Clarksfield.

St. John's No. 2, Failsworth.—Ministers, Revs. J. Barnes, rector, and James Ryder, curate; superintendents, Messrs. A. Taylor, L. Dunkerley, and G. Clarke. Teachers 36, boys 181, girls 181, total 398. Amusements: Friday, procession round the parish and then to a field in the neighbourhood; Saturday, trip to Barmouth and Dolgelly.

St. Matthew's (Branch of St. Thomas's, Leesfield). Ministers, Revs. Canon Lloyd, J. B. Phillips, and T. Wareham; superintendents, Messrs. S. Booth and J. Newton; secretary, Mr. Parker. Teachers 16, boys 75, girls 121, total 212; Band of Hope and temperance society, 19; books in library, 122. Established 1874. Amusements: Friday, procession with Leesfield; afternoon, tea in school and treat to scholars; Saturday, general.

Holy Trinity, Shaw.—Ministers, Revs. George Allen, M.A., vicar, and Harry Emery, M.A., curate; superintendents, girls, Miss Cocker and Miss Emma Leach, boys, Messrs. E. Brooks and Mr. E. Milne. Teachers 66, boys 396, girls 442, total 904; books in library, 629; funds in sick society, £968. Amusements: Friday, procession round parish in morning

headed by Shaw Brass Band, in afternoon play in a field at Scowcroft, Cowlishaw.

St. John the Baptist's, Hey.—Ministers, Revs. G. D. Grundy, M.A., vicar, and S. S. Adkins, curate; superintendent, Mr. John Platt. Teachers 24, boys 153, girls 170, total 347; books in library, 550; funds in sick society, £2,000. Established 1794. Amusements: Friday, walk round the parish, tea party in school, play in the field; Saturday, joining the schools trip to Liverpool.

St. James's, Parkbridge (Leesfield Parish).—Ministers, Rev. Canon Lloyd, M.A., vicar, Rev. T. W. Wareham, M.A., and Rev. J. B. Phillips, M.A., curates; superintendent, Mr. B. Bradbury. Teachers 16, boys 47, girls 51, total 114; books in library, 440. Established 1866. Amusements: Friday, walk in procession through village in morning, field sports and tea in afternoon.

St. Thomas's, Moorside.—Ministers, Revs. Thomas Holme (vicar) and J W. Brooker (curate); superintendents, Messrs. Jos. Heywood and Harry Bassett. Teachers 60, boys 186, girls 224, total 470; books in library, 110. Established 1856. Amusements: Friday, morning, walk through the village, headed by the Moorside Mills Reed Band; afternoon, play in the field and tea in the school.

Holy Trinity, Bardsley.—Minister, Rev. Henry T. Byrth, M.A.; superintendent, Mr. George Lees. Teachers 28, boys 156, girls 121, total 305. Established previous to 1844. Amusements: Friday, procession, singing, mid-day service in church, a free tea provided by the gentry of the neighbourhood, and sports in a field.

Shelderslow.—Ministers, Revs. G. D. Grundy and S. S. Adkins; superintendent, Mr. William Holden. Teachers 8, boys 40, girls 44, total 92; books in library, 200. Established 1854. Amusements: Friday, procession and play in field; Saturday, excursion to Liverpool.

St. Paul's National.—Ministers, Revs. E. T. Wigg, vicar, and J. G. Gibson, curate; superintendents, Messrs. John Jackson and Thomas Breakell. Teachers 55, boys 264, girls 357, total 676; Band of Hope and temperance society, over 200. Amusements: Friday, excursion to Chester; Saturday, procession and tea for scholars in field at Edge-lane.

St. Paul's Branch.—Ministers, Revs. E. T. Wigg and J. G. Gibson; superintendents, Messrs. C. Backhouse and W. Mellor. Teachers 22, boys 66, girls 83, total 149; Band of Hope and temperance society, 70. Established 1878. Amusements: Friday, Chester; Saturday, procession and field.

East Crompton.—Ministers, Revs. Thomas Alston, M.A., vicar, and H. C. H. Collier, curate; superintendents, Messrs. Jos. Sucksmith, John Thomas Henthorne, William Whittaker, C. H. Greaves, and Mrs. S. H. Watts. Teachers 66, boys 414, girls 442,

total 856; Band of Hope and temperance society, 310; books in library, 450; funds in sick society, £849 15s. 1½d. Established 1847. Amusements: Friday, sports in field at Higher Park; Saturday, picnic to Bowdon.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Hope.—Minister, Rev. R. M. Davies; superintendents, Messrs. J. Bradbury, Winterbottom, and Woodward. Teachers 68, boys 379, girls 419, total 798; Band of Hope and temperance society, 182; books in library, 915; funds in sick society, £1,000. Amusements: Friday, field after procession.

Ashton-road.—Minister, Rev. Wilson Murray; superintendent, Rev. Wilson Murray. Teachers 14, boys 85, girls 125, total 210; Band of Hope and temperance society, 120. Amusements: Friday, field off Ashton-road.

Townfield.—Minister, Rev. Thomas Colclough; superintendent, Mr. Archibald Booth. Teachers 44, boys 171, girls 156, total 327; books in library, 300. Established 1850. Amusements: Friday, procession through town, headed by band; afternoon, field, band in attendance; Saturday, trip to Hardcastle Crags.

Derker.—Minister elect, Rev. Thomas Williams, from Lancashire College; superintendents, J. S. Jackson and J. Milner. Teachers 39, boys 209, girls 207, total 416; Band of Hope and temperance society, 120. Established 1883. Amusements: Friday, procession and play in the field; Saturday, trips to various places.

Regent-street.—Minister, vacant; superintendent, Mr. W. F. Heywood. Teachers 28, boys 124, girls 186, total 338; Band of Hope and temperance society, 40; books in library, 900; funds in sick society, £120. Established 1829. Amusements: Friday, procession in morning, field at Glodwick in afternoon; Saturday, excursion to Ingleton along with Greenacres Congregational Sunday School.

Greenacres.—Minister, Rev. C. Thompson; superintendents, Messrs. William Greaves and J. Leach. Teachers 23, boys 237, girls 269, total 529; books in library, 650; funds in sick society, £2.476. Established 1835. Amusements: Friday, walk round the village, and games in the field; Saturday, trip to Ingleton in conjunction with Regent-street Sunday School.

Royton.—Superintendents, Messrs. Nicholas Fish and John M. Ledger. Teachers 43, boys 194, girls 188, total 382; Band of Hope and temperance society, 280; books in library, 500. Established 1856. Amusements: Friday, trip to Barmouth; Saturday, procession morning, field amusement afternoon.

WESLEYAN METHODIST.

St. Domingo-street.—Ministers, Revs. A. Burgess, T. H. Penrith, and W. Kirkman; superintendents, Messrs. George Wainwright, R. Yardley, Robert Jagger, Thomas Eastwood, and W. B. Broome.

Teachers 98, boys 329, girls 356, total 685; Band of Hope and temperance society, 130; books in library, 1,580; funds in sick society, £1,150. Established 1785. Amusements: Friday, field at Marple.

Northmoor.—Ministers, Revs. A. Burgess, T. H. Penrith, and W. Kirkman; superintendents, Messrs. George Entwistle and J. E. Taylor. Teachers 67, boys 235, girls 300, total 602; Band of Hope and temperance society, 150; books in library, 304; funds in sick society, £276. Established 1855. Amusements: Friday, walk to Market-place and back, afternoon to Dinting; Saturday, no arrangements.

Hollins.—Minister, Rev. W. Kirkman; superintendents, Messrs. George Wainwright, Watts Whittaker, Adam Halliwell, Thomas Hague. Teachers 60, boys 265, girls 280, total 545; Band of Hope and temperance society, 100; books in library, 850; funds in sick society, £690. Established 1837. Amusements: Friday, procession, tea, field sports.

Cowhill.—Ministers, Revs. W. Kirkman, Burgess, and Penrith; superintendents, Messrs. Thomas Fennell, Thomas Prescott, W. Fennell, and William Jackson. Teachers 31, boys 255, girls 223, total 478; Band of Hope and temperance society, 60; books in library, 600; funds in sick society, £420. Established 1849. Amusements: Friday, walk in procession, afterwards to field; Saturday, Cowhill Young Men's Vocal Society's trip to Keswick.

Busk.—Ministers, Revs. A. Burgess, W. Kirkman, and T. H. Penrith; superintendents, Messrs. Wm. Ashley (hon.), James Lees, and J. F. Sleightholm. Teachers 53, boys 250, girls 294, total 544; Band of Hope and temperance society, 144; books in library, 519. Established 1862. Amusements: Friday, field at Rough's Farm, Chadderton; Saturday, trip to Matlock.

Luzley Brook.—Ministers, Revs. W. Vercoe and George Beebee; superintendents, Messrs. Samuel Smethurst and Robert Fielding. Teachers 19, boys 60, girls 69, total 129; Band of Hope and temperance society, 55; books in library, 300. Established 1828. Amusements: Friday, procession round village, and then to a field.

Shaw.—Minister, Rev. Geo. Beebee; superintendents, Messrs. James Mellor, B. Sugden, Isaac Taylor, and J. R. Turner. Teachers 67, boys 346, girls 392, total 738. Band of Hope and temperance society, 280; books in library, 600. Established 1811. Amusements: Friday, procession, afterwards play in field.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

Limeside-road.—Minister, Rev. J. H. Best, superintendent Mr. George Taylor, assistant superintendent Mr. John Carter. Teachers 14, boys 48, girls 72, total 120. Established 1888. Amusements: Friday, walk through the village and field sports.

Bourne-street.—Minister, Rev. J. H. Best; superintendent, Mr. William Shackleton; assistant superintendent, Mr. James Taylor, junr. Teachers 70, boys 241, girls 259, total 500; Band of Hope and temperance society, 140; books in library, 550. Etablished 1828. Amusements: Friday, walk through the village headed by the Stockport Temperance Band, and field sports; Saturday, trip to Bettws-y-coed.

Copster Hill-road.—Ministers, Revs. Frederick Smith and H. Davenport; superintendents, Messrs. Henry Boulter and Jabez Britain. Teachers 32, boys 116, girls 133, total 281: Band of Hope and temperance society, 90. Established 1877. Amusements: Friday, after walking round proceed to field near Roundthorn Board School.

Lees.—Ministers, Revs. F. Smith and H. Davenport; superintendent, Mr. Joseph Widdall. Teachers 15, boys 69, girls 77, total 146. Established 1821. Amusements: Friday, procession and field sports; Saturday, trip to Liverpool.

Royton.—Ministers, Revs. S. S. Henshaw and W. Barker; superintendents, Messrs. John Pennington and L. B. Etherington. Teachers 32, boys 143, girls 132, total 275; Band of Hope and temperance society, 82. Established 1859. Amusements: Friday, trip to Barmouth; Saturday, field sports at Dogford Farm, and procession through the village.

Washbrook.—Minister, Rev. J. H. Best; superintendent, Mr. T. Whiteley. Teachers 28, boys 110, girls 120, total 230; Band of Hope and temperance society, 120; books in library, 170. Established 1863. Amusements: Friday, procession, then proceed to a field off Oxford-street.

Middleton-road.—Ministers, Revs. S. S. Henshaw and W. Barker; superintendents, Messrs. William Wareing, William George Merrill, William Hollinsworth, and Joseph Hall. Teachers 42, boys 211, girls 311, total 522; Band of Hope and temperance society, 220; books in library, 200. Established 1869. Amusements: Friday, procession in morning, field in afternoon.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

Hudson-street, Hollinwood.—Minister, Rev. John Mellor; superintendents, Messrs. William Marland, Councillor R. Fishwick, and Joseph Clough. Teachers 30, number of boys 121, number of girls 124, total 245; Band of Hope and temperance society, 120; books in library, 180. Established February 18th, 1864. Amusements: Friday morning, procession, afternoon tea party; Saturday, trip to Bowdon for Dunham Park.

Bethel, Failsworth.—Minister, Rev. George Grundy; superintendent, Mr. J. Thomas; secretaries, Messrs. R. Whittaker and C. F. Greenhalgh. Teachers 33, number of boys 191, number of girls 151, total 375. Books in library, 400. Established 1811. Amuse-

ments: Friday, procession through township and field; Saturday, trip to Scarborough.

Zion, Lees.—Ministers, Revs. J. Q. Bawden and Ed. Cato; superintendents, Messrs. A. H. Lawton and John Parkyn. Teachers 56, boys 212, girls 233, total 501; Band of Hope and temperance society, 250; books in library, 800. Established 1828. Amusements: Friday, procession through village, headed by Saltaire Band; Saturday, united school trip to Liverpool.

Roundthorn.—Minister, Rev. ; E. Cato superintendents, Messrs, Edwin Buckley and Albert Shepley. Teachers 27, boys 125, girls 129, total 254; Band of Hope and temperance society, 70; books in library, 280; funds in sick society, about £700. Established 1838. Amusements: Friday, walking through Roundthorn to Lees and back to school; buns, coffee, spices, &c., and play in field.

Culcheth, Newton Heath.—Ministers, Revs. J. E. Ratcliffe, J. Benson, J. Crothers; superintendents, Messrs. S. Robinson, T. Worthington, J. Holt, T. Pollitt. Teachers 121, number of boys 326, number of girls 306, total 753; Band of Hope and temperance society, 415; books in library, 1,202; funds in sick society, £1,208. Established 1813. Amusements: Thursday and Friday, procession in neighbourhood, headed by Culcheth Sunday School Temperance Reed Band; Saturday, excursion to Scarborough from Clayton Bridge.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.

King-street.—Minister, Rev. E. D. Green; superintendents, Messrs. Emmott, Bryant, and Slack. Teachers 59, boys 233, girls 250, total 483; Band of Hope and temperance society, 150; books in library, 600; funds in sick society, £450. Established 1834. Amusements: Friday, field sports at Chadderton; Saturday, trip to Blackpool.

Streetfold, Moston.—Minister, Rev. Joseph Jordan; superintendents, Messrs. John Wood and Elijah Bennett. Teachers 22, boys 75, girls 72, total 159. Reopened 1885. Amusements: Friday, procession, tea in school, and field sports; Saturday, trip to Chatsworth; Wednesday, field sports and tea in school; Thursday, trip by ferries to Dixton.

St. John's, Hollinwood.—Minister, Rev. E. D. Green; superintendents, Messrs. Sydney Smith and Joseph Lees. Teachers 55, boys 233, girls 219, total 452; Band of Hope and temperance society, 240; funds in sick society, £[illegible]. Established 1845. Amusements: Friday, procession through village and sports in field.

INDEPENDENT METHODIST.

Smith-street.—Ministers, Messrs. John Wild, James Clover, and Jan[illegible]ton; superintendent, Mr. John Firth Wood. Teachers 40, boys 243, girls 287, total 530; Band of [illegible] 200; funds in sick

society, £850. Established 1838. Amusements: Friday, procession and play in a field at Whetstone Hill; Saturday, special trip to Llanberis.

Bethesda.—Ministers, Messrs. Benjamin Dyson and Richard Green; superintendent, Mr. Wm. Brown; secretary, Mr. Henry Siddall. Teachers 26, boys 87, girls 86, total 173; Band of Hope and temperance society, 156. Established 1878. Amusements: Friday, play in field; Saturday, trip to Ashworth Valley in waggonettes.

King-street.—Ministers, Messrs. L. Nield, W. Jackson, A. Crossley, J. Stott, J. W. Stott, and W. G. Cottrell; superintendents, Messrs. W. N. Moss and W. Jackson. Teachers 31, boys 239, girls 261, total 500; Band of Hope and temperance society, 300; books in library, 500: funds in sick society, 586. Established 1854. Amusements: Friday, procession through the town in the morning, field in the afternoon; Saturday, trip to Coniston.

BAPTIST.

King-street.—Minister, Rev. William Frew Edgerton; superintendents, Messrs. George Etchells and D. D. Holroyd. Teachers 44, boys 290, girls 320, total 610; Band of Hope and temperance society, 120; books in library, 1,047; funds in sick society, £900. Established 1816. Amusements: Friday, Fitton Hill; Saturday, various.

Manchester-street.—Minister, Rev. G. E. Buckeridge; superintendents, Messrs. John West and John J. Blunn. Teachers 25, boys 82, girls 103, total 185; Band of Hope and temperance society, 78; books in library, 508; funds in sick society, £122 6s. 7d. Established 1863. Amusements: Friday, walk in procession through the town to a field at Chadderton, and there spend the day.

Mills Hill, Chadderton. — Ministers, students; superintendent, Mr. Henry Fairbrother. Teachers 23, number of boys 137, number of girls 131, total 291; books in library, 471; funds in sick society, £380. Established 1845. Amusements: Friday, trip to Windermere with Middleton Sunday School Union; Saturday, parade round village, tea at school, after to field for play.

Glodwick.—Minister, Rev. Wm. Hughes; superintendent, Mr. A. Johnson. Teachers 28, boys 137, girls 186, total 323; Band of Hope and temperance society, 100; books in library, 400; funds in sick society, £760. Established 1799. Amusements: Friday, procession and play in field at Glodwick; Saturday, various.

Bethesda, Royton.—Ministers, supplies; superintendents, Messrs. W. B. Suttle and W. Brassington. Teachers 17, boys 68, girls 65, total 133; Band of Hope and temperance society, 268; books in library, 170. Established 1852. Amusements: Friday, excursion to Barmouth; Saturday, field sports at Heyhill, Low Crompton.

Oldham-road, Royton.—Superintendents, Messrs. James Shepley and John Stansfield. Teachers 17, boys 114, girls 129, total 243; Band of Hope and temperance society, 50. Established 1861. Amusements: Friday, united schools trip to Barmouth; Saturday, play in a field at Low Crompton.

Bethesda Particular.—Minister, Mr. S. F. M'Kee; superintendents, Messrs. C. Polwin and J. Ormrod. Teachers 20, number of boys 55, number of girls 52, total 127; Band of Hope and temperance society, 90; books in library, 160. Amusements: Friday, procession to a field for play; Saturday, trip to Bettws-y-coed.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Marie's.—Ministers, Revs. C. Grymonprez and J. Henebery; superintendents, girls, Sisters of Mercy, boys, Mr. J. S. M'Intyre; boys 250, girls 500, total 750. Books in library, 300; funds in sick society, over £1,060. Established 1859. Amusements: Friday, field sports (with band) and procession; Saturday, trip to Buxton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Friends' First Day School.—Superintendent, Mr. H. L. Hargraves; teachers 24, boys 160, girls 207, total 367; Band of Hope and temperance society, 250; books in library, 670. Established 1865. Amusements: Friday, procession, proceed to field at Cowlishaw; buns, coffee, and oranges; return to school for tea.

Grosvenor-street Ragged School.—Superintendents, Messrs. Abraham Lees and Squire Dunkerley. Teachers 16, boys 120, girls 130, total 266; Band of Hope and temperance society, 120; books in library, 130. Established 1859. Amusements: Friday, procession through the town, after to field at Grimbies.

St. James's Free Church of England, Hollinwood.—Evangelist, Mr. J. Beaumont; superintendent, Mr. Thomas Needham. Teachers 27, boys 120, girls 160, total 307. Established 1868. Amusements: Friday, walk round the neighbourhood; Saturday, Chatsworth.

Westwood Moravian.—Minister and superintendent, Rev. W. E. Sutcliffe. Teachers 20, boys 87, girls 106, total 193; books in library, 366. Established 1865. Amusements: Friday, field at Chadderton.

Rock-street United Mission.—Superintendent, Mr. Andrew. Teachers 15, boys 77, girls 81, total 173; Band of Hope, 80. Established 1886. Amusements: Friday, parade the town in the morning; field in the afternoon.

Medical Mission Hall, St. Mary's-street.—Minister and superintendent, Mr. Peter Lindley. Teachers 18, boys 125, girls 133, total 258; Band of Hope and temperance society, 200. Established 1876. Amusements: Friday, through town to field off Rochdale-road; Saturday, singers' trip to Matlock.

Unitarian, Lord-street.—Minister, Rev. A. Far-

quharson; superintendent, Mr. Samuel Ogden. Teachers 27, total 207. Established 1838. Amusements: Friday, procession through town and then journey by train to Greenfield; Saturday, trip to Malvern.

Village School, Royton.—Superintendents, Messrs. E. Fairbrother, J. Crowther, and W. Baron. Teachers 27, boys 84, girls 93, total 204; books in library, 249. Established 1785. Amusements: Friday, join united schools trip to Barmouth; Saturday to field at Daisy Hill, afterwards tea in school.

Hollinwood Mission Hall.—Minister, Mr. Joseph Taylor; superintendent, Mr. Joseph Taylor. Teachers 32, boys 252, girls 281, total 565. Amusements: Friday, procession and field; Saturday, Southport.

Dob-lane Sunday School.—Minister, Rev. George Knight; superintendents, Messrs. J. Partington and T. F. Robinson. Teachers and officers 45, boys 183, girls 151, total 334; Band of Hope and temperance society, 120; books in library, 450. Established 1846. Amusements: Friday, procession through neighbourhood and party in school; Saturday, teachers' trip to Bolton Abbey and Woods; Thursday, sports in field and free party to scholars under 15 years af age.

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